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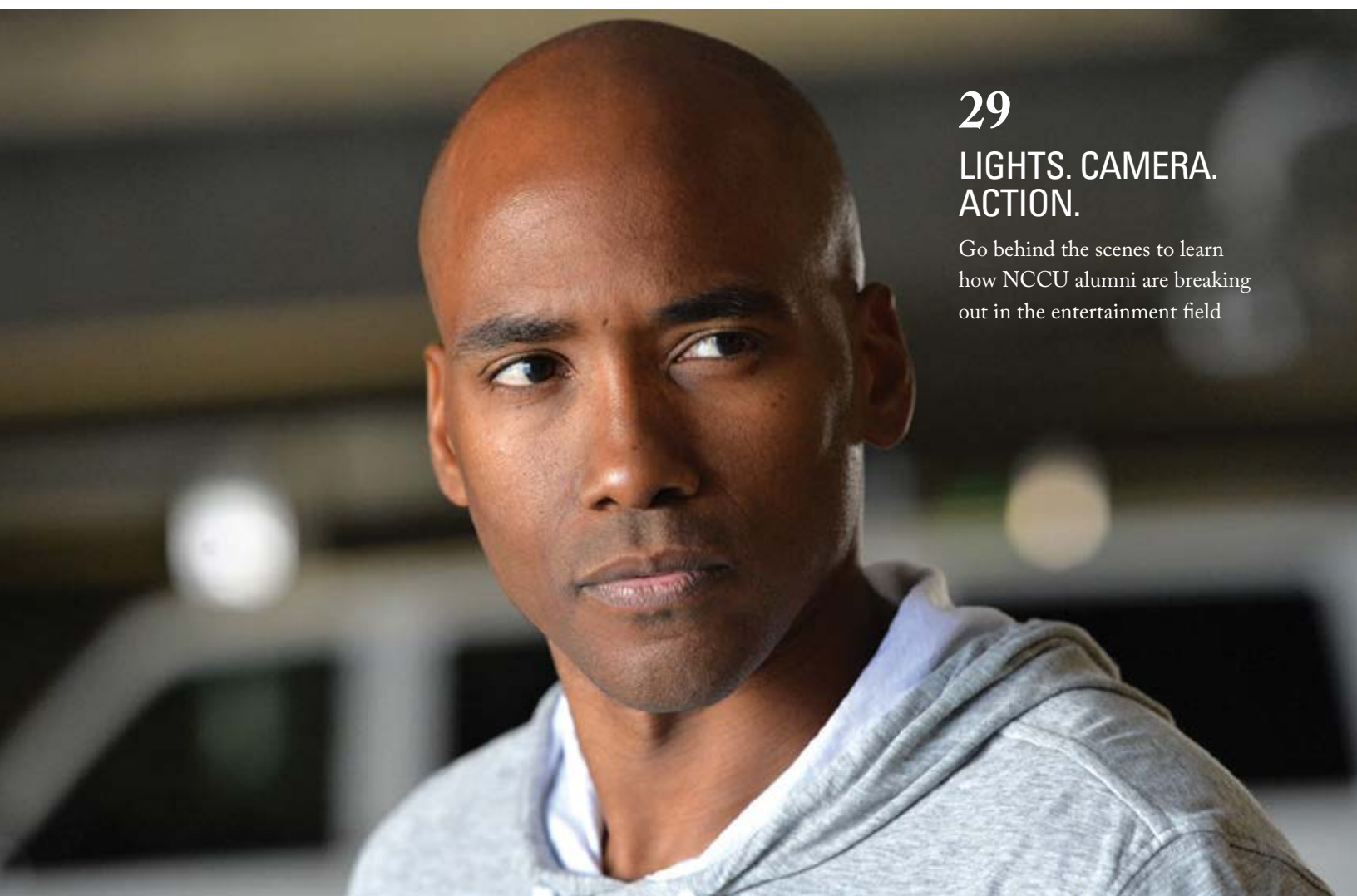
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NCCU'S IMPACT ON NORTH CAROLINA: THE POWER OF OUR DOLLARS

BY CHANCELLOR DEBRA SAUNDERS-WHITE

North Carolina Central University has a tremendous impact on the state of North Carolina and the eastern region of the United States. We educate scholars who not only contribute to the economic growth and vitality of our state, but give back to our communities in record numbers.

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his is a fact that those closest to our institution know. But now there is the data to substantiate it, as well.

The University of North Carolina system, the North Carolina Community College System and North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities conducted a study and analysis on the economic impact of higher education to North Carolina. The results of the first-ever comprehensive report on the value added to North Carolina's economy by higher education are impressive.

The totaled positive fiscal impact of public, private and community colleges is \$63.5 billion dollars for fiscal 2012-13.

Of this, North Carolina Central University has a significant share: our university added \$563.7 million in regional income in fiscal year 2012-13 in five counties, Durham, Wake, Orange, Guilford and Alamance. The study shows NCCU's operations impact for the year was \$176 million, creating 2,628 jobs plus \$9.5 million in research spending, which is equivalent to creating 144 new jobs. An additional nearly \$411,000 in added income was produced as a result of construction. Through start-up companies created out of NCCU's research institutes, nearly \$511,800 was generated in added regional income for NCCU's five-county service area.

With approximately 48 percent of NCCU's undergraduate and graduate students attending from outside the five-county region, the report cited NCCU student spending as the source for approximately \$26 million in regional income, which equals 446 new jobs. Visitors to NCCU from outside the region provided nearly \$9.6 million in regional income, which equals 238 new jobs. NCCU's alumni impact totaled \$341.6 million in added regional income, the equivalent of 5,119 new jobs. We will use these truly impressive impact numbers to leverage additional resources for NCCU.

NCCU is a major player in the Triangle and Triad regions of North Carolina, but our reach extends throughout the state. And so does our voice of influence and power.

In November 2015, there may be a bond on the North Carolina ballot that includes a proposal to fund a new School of Business for NCCU at the cost of \$34 million. If on the ballot and successful, these funds would allow us to develop a contemporary world-class facility that will provide the 21st century scholar with an active and engaging learning environment. We will solicit your support and advocacy in ensuring this bond passes for an additional investment in our institution.

Please share the information in the chart to your right with your classmates, friends, colleagues and elected officials in your area. North Carolina Central University's deep economic impact provides us with tremendous opportunities to expand our sphere of influence. □

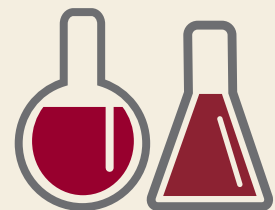


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FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Greetings Alumni and Friends:

It has been a great year at North Carolina Central University! We continue to celebrate new achievements inside and outside the classroom and address the latest challenges that are facing higher education institutions in North Carolina and nationwide. From the 600 new Eagle alumni who earned their degree in December 2014 to accolades for our student-athletes, we remain committed to our No. 1 priority, student success. We are making great progress in every corner of the campus in telling the story of how North Carolina Central University produces a great return on investment.

A few notable highlights from our academy include:

- Congratulations to the School of Law, School of Library and Information Sciences, School of Graduate Studies, Department of History and Department of Art — all commemorating 75th anniversaries! This makes three-quarters of a century of providing a high-quality education to individuals who have gone on to make their mark in communities locally, nationally and around the world.
- A \$932,293 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Programs, will allow our School of Education to expand its Communication Disorders program through a new specialty track that combines speech-language pathology and special education.
- We initiated the Julius L. Chambers Visiting Scientist Program by welcoming to campus nationally recognized scientists on two occasions. The first visit in October 2014 featured Dr. Mona Fouad and Dr. Isabel Scarinci, leading health disparities researchers from the Minority Research and Health Disparities Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. John Carpten and Dr. Bodour Salhia of Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) in Phoenix, Ariz., paid a visit in March.
- For the fifth consecutive year, NCCU has been recognized as a 2015 Military Friendly School. Our university serves more than 350 veteran, active duty and military-dependent students, and we are working to reach more members of the military and veteran communities so we can continue to build and support this student population.

Lastly, we have had several triumphant victories and celebrations in athletics. We ended our fall sports programs on a high note, in particular as our football team earned a share of the MEAC 2014 championship as co-champions. And, for the second consecutive year, our men's basketball team celebrated a victory as the MEAC Conference regular-season champions.

In this issue of NCCU Now, learn about an exciting program that prepares NCCU students to earn their medical degrees at Boston University (page 24). And did you know NCCU alumni are on the cutting edge of talent in the entertainment industry? Read their amazing stories on page 29.

I would like to thank all of you for investing in Eagle Excellence! Your gifts and contributions ensure that the next generation of leaders are educated and nurtured at an institution that will always be "The Gateway to Opportunity."

In Truth and Service,

Dr. Debra Saunders-White
Chancellor



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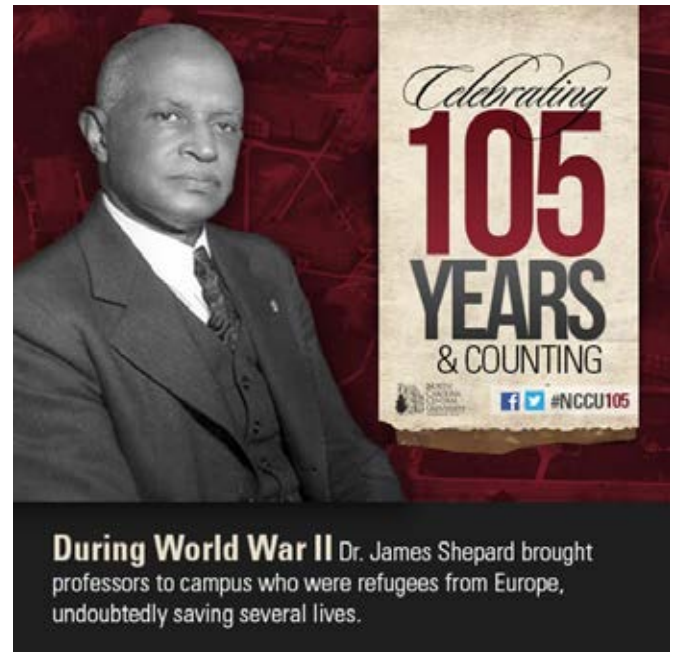
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Founded in 1910, NCCU is celebrating our 105th year as a first-choice, premier institution that offers bachelor's degrees in more than 100 fields of study and graduate degrees in about 40 disciplines.

Over the past 105 years, the student population of NCCU has grown from 130 in 1910 to more than 8,000 students. The institution has two state-of-the-art biotechnology research facilities – Julius L. Chambers Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute (BBRI) and Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE) – which collaborate with pharmacy and biotech companies in nearby Research Triangle Park.

Today, we continue to soar on the legacy of excellence!

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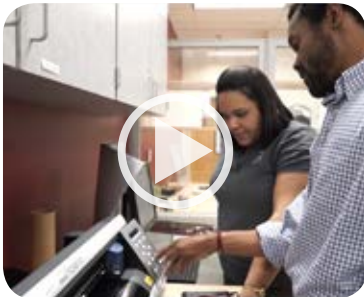
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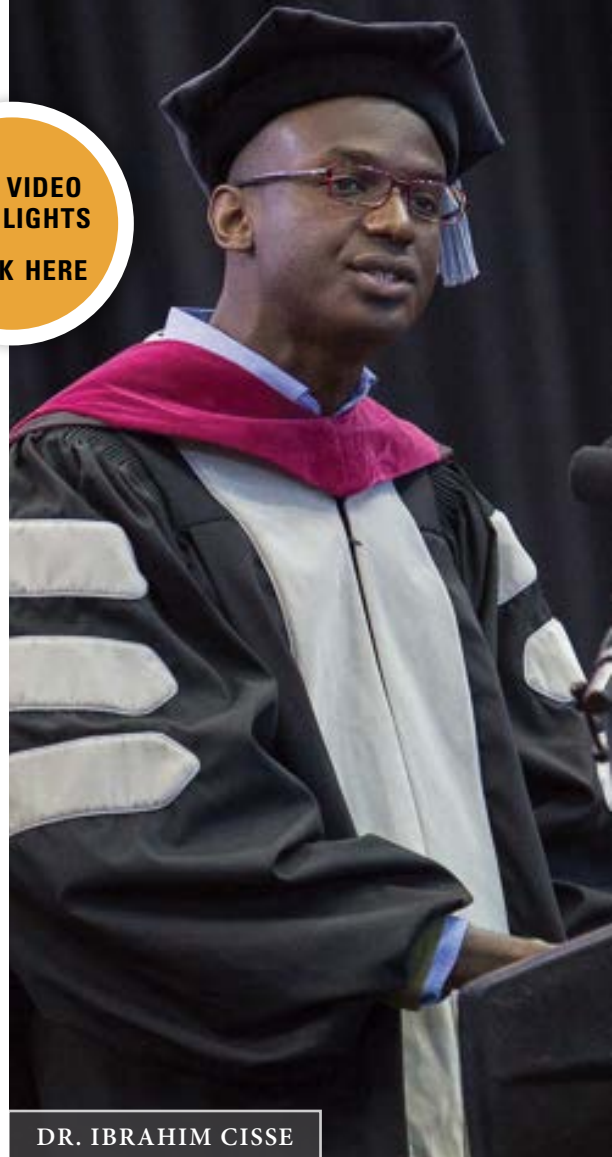
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COMMENCEMENT FALL 2014

DECEMBER GRADUATES CHALLENGED TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE

More than 600 graduates of North Carolina Central University received diplomas Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, during the university's 124th Fall Commencement Exercises.



DR. IBRAHIM CISSE



MUHAMMED JOBE





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uring the ceremony, NCCU Chancellor Debra Saunders-White recognized two December graduates: Muhammed Jobe and Melissa Culbreth.

Jobe is a first-generation college graduate who moved to the U.S. from his home in Gambia in 2006. After working at Apple, he entered NCCU's School of Business. He joined Cisco Systems Advanced Lab Operations in Research Triangle Park upon graduation.

Culbreth is a mental health counseling major and a veteran of the North Carolina Army National Guard, its first female chaplain. She served in Iraq, earned a Bronze Star and has worked to help military veterans integrate back into civilian society. She also has been battling breast cancer as she completed her Master of Arts degree in mental health counseling.

Dr. Ibrahim Cisse, a 2004 NCCU physics graduate now teaching at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, gave the commencement address. Cisse thanked a host of faculty and staff members at NCCU and Durham Technical Community College for their support during his own undergraduate years, where he launched his scientific career conducting experiments that earned academic awards, including a chance to study physics in Paris. He went on to earn a doctorate in physics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Saunders-White concluded the ceremonies by saying, "Graduates, as you prepare to take on the challenges of your new or blossoming career, I urge you to remember that your voices and your actions are some of the most powerful means by which you can create positive change."

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THE
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NCCU THEATER PRODUCTION TRAVELS TO GEORGIA

THE CAST AND CREW OF NCCU'S "THE BLUEST EYE" theater production were selected to perform at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, Region IV, in Albany, Ga., in February 2015.

Each year, theater troupes from across U.S. compete for the chance to perform at eight regional festivals sponsored by the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. The College Theatre Festival supports collegiate theater programs through showcases, competitions, scholarships and training.

"The Bluest Eye," set in the 1940s in Ohio and based on the novel by Toni Morrison, tells the story of an abused and lonely African-American girl who wishes for blue eyes.

NCCU students performed the play at University Theatre in April 2014, when they gained the nomination to the KCACTF festival, and produced an encore performance in January 2015.

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State-of-the-Art Technology Needed in New Student Center

When North Carolina Central University opened in 1910, it included 25 acres and six buildings.

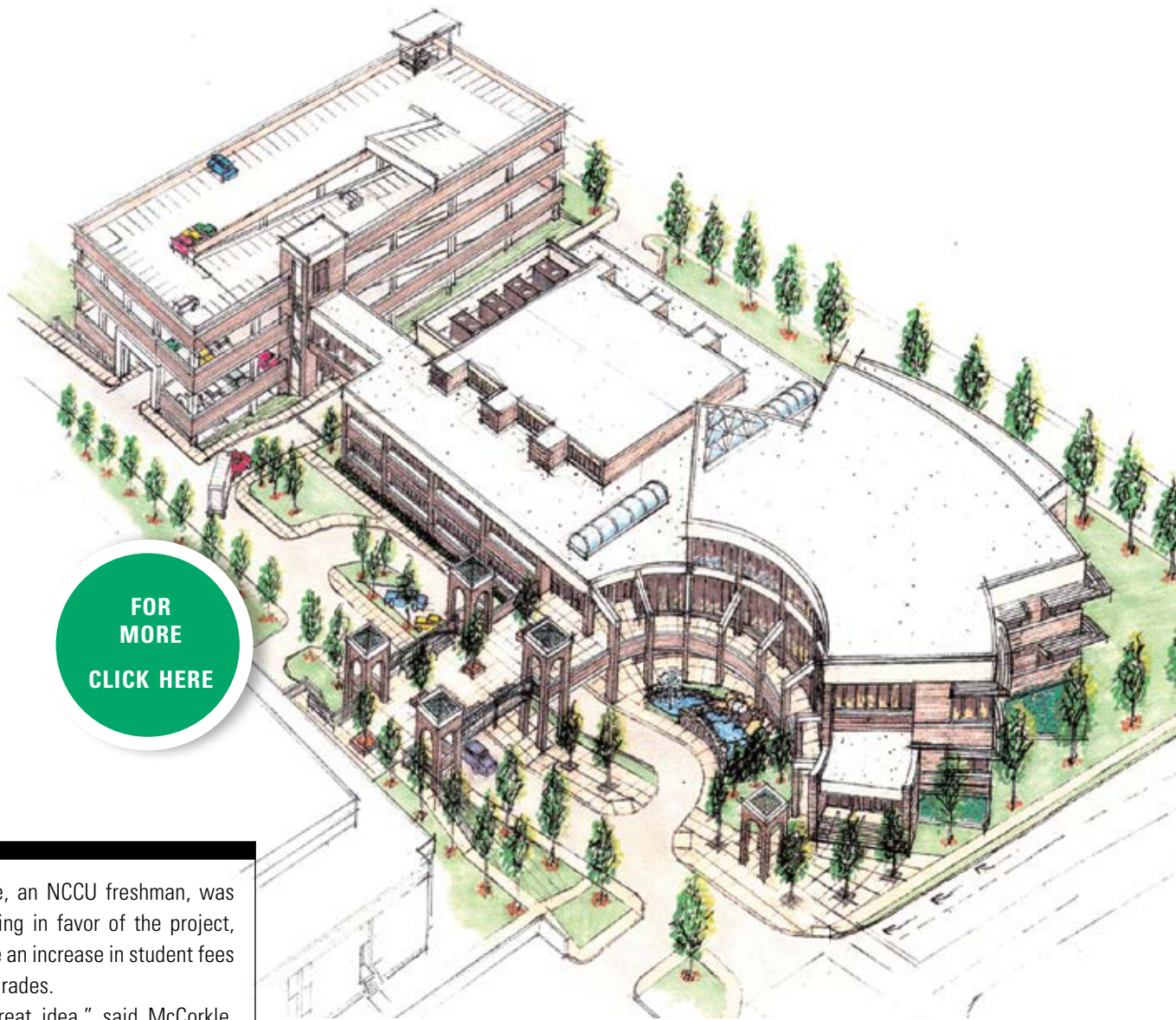
Since that time, the campus has added another 122 acres and dozens of new buildings, most recently Chidley Hall North and the new Nursing Building completed in 2011.

Today, the university is again looking to the future with plans for a state-of-the-art student center to replace the A.E. Student Union, built nearly 50 years ago when only 3,800 students attended — less than half of today's current Eagle enrollment.

The proposal for a spacious new facility to serve as a center for campus life was approved by a large majority of NCCU's 8,100-member student body in balloting that took place in October 2014. A planning committee has since begun work on a detailed proposal. Eventually, the university will seek approval from the UNC Board of Governors and North Carolina legislators to go forward with the project.

A conceptual drawing for the project shows a building that would be a visual centerpiece and would accommodate many types of activities, from educational conferences to student social gatherings and community events.

"We are working collectively to offer our students, alumni and community a multi-purpose state-of-the-art facility that truly represents this university," said Anita Walton, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs. "Our goal is to make the new center the heart of NCCU's campus and a place that provides educational, social and cultural experiences."



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Kamryn McCorkle, an NCCU freshman, was among those voting in favor of the project, which will require an increase in student fees to pay for the upgrades.

"I think its great idea," said McCorkle, 19, adding that her grandmother, Gloria McCorkle, was a senior at NCCU when the current student union was built in the 1960s.

"The current building is not up to date with technology, and it doesn't have enough space for students to gather. We need to do this to catch up with the other campuses, like Winston-Salem State and UNC Greensboro."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Miron Billingsley said the university is primarily interested in providing an environment to support student success.

"The new student center offers our students an opportunity to expand programming and activities in a state-of-the-art facility," Billingsley said.

Upgraded technology would allow global networking among student groups, educators and scientists from around the world, as well as group study rooms and other amenities to promote learning.

POSSIBLE AMENITIES INCLUDE A 300-SPACE PARKING DECK, FOOD COURT WITH MULTIPLE DINING OPTIONS, AND BALLROOMS FOR GATHERINGS AND CONFERENCES.

"We are very excited to have the opportunity to build a facility that meets the needs of today's student," Billingsley said.

Preliminary plans call for construction of a 100,000-square-foot student center with retail space, a commuter lounge, auditorium, generously sized rooms for student organizations and a convenience center for easier access to student services. Other possible amenities include a 300-space parking deck, food court with multiple dining options, and ballrooms for gatherings and conferences.

The improvements were originally spelled

out in the university's Master Plan, approved in 2007. Other projects anticipated in coming years include a new physical education and recreation complex and updates for Shepard Library. Plans also call for more apartment-style residential units in response to student requests and more parking for the rising number of non-traditional students.

"Our focus will always be on our students," Billingsley said. "This new student center is one example of how we are moving forward towards Eagle Excellence and better serving our student and community population."



TOASTMASTERS CHAPTER MAKES HISTORY AT NCCU

ONE OF THE FIRST combined student – professional chapters of Toastmasters International was formed in 2014 on the campus of North Carolina Central University.

The NC Project Leaders Chapter was chartered at the NCCU School of Business to help project management professionals and undergraduate business students develop advanced communication and leadership skills.

The student-professional model is new for this 90-year organization, said Denis Abankwah, a senior computer information system major who became an inaugural member of the campus chapter.

Abankwah said certain companies such as Cisco Systems, where he served as an intern, expect employees to participate in Toastmasters to improve their public speaking skills and achieve personal growth.

Toastmasters International operates more than 14,000 clubs in 126 countries.



Department of History faculty (pictured left to right): Dr. Janice Dargan, Ms. Kimberly Cheek-Squires (adjunct professor), Mr. Terry Mosley (adjunct professor), Mrs. Yolanda Robinson, Dr. Baiyina Muhammad, Dr. Jim C. Harper II, Dr. Freddie Parker, Dr. Jerry Gershennhorn, Dr. Carlton Wilson, Dr. Tony Frazier, Dr. Jarvis Hargrove, Dr. Sean Colbert-Lewis.



College of Arts and Sciences Names Distinguished Professors



PARKER



RICHARDSON



CLAMP

Three faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences were awarded endowed professorships for excellence in research and teaching.

DR. FREDDIE L. PARKER was named as the Julius L. Chambers Distinguished Professor of History. Parker received his bachelor's and master's degrees from NCCU and holds a doctorate in African-American history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

DR. RICARDO RICHARDSON was named as the GlaxoSmith-Kline Distinguished Professor. Richardson is professor of biology and director of NCCU's Julius L. Chambers-Biomedical/ Biotechnology Research Institute's cancer research program. He received his doctorate in biochemistry from Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona.

DR. JOHN C. CLAMP, professor in the Department of Biology, was awarded the Walter H. Pattillo Jr. Distinguished Professorship. Clamp teaches courses in general biology, zoology, ecology, cell and molecular biology and scientific writing. He earned his doctorate in zoology from North Carolina State University.

"These professorships will significantly enhance teaching, research, service and overall student success," said Dr. Carlton Wilson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

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— DR. CARLTON WILSON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Academic Departments Recognize 75-Year Milestones

AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE 1939 North Carolina College yearbook foreshadowed a year of big changes on campus.

The entry touts the addition of graduate courses in history, science, mathematics, education, and English, as well as the opening of a Department of Law and School of Library Science. The Department of Art also gained official status that year.

These major developments all took place during 1939-40 academic year, which marked a major period of growth for NCCU. Four programs held events over the past several months in honor of their 75th anniversary milestones.

In November 2014, the School of Law hosted a 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner, which featured special guest speaker Willie Gary, a 1974 graduate of the NCCU School of Law and one of the nation's top trial attorneys.

The History Department celebrated the 1934 founding of its graduate program with a special dinner in November 2014. The featured guest was alumnus Al-Tony Gilmore, Ph.D.,

who received his bachelor's degree in history in 1960 and his master's in 1968, both at NCCU. He has taught at Howard University and The George Washington University and authored several books, including a biography of boxer Jack Johnson that became the focus of a television miniseries.

The NCCU Art Museum presented a special alumni exhibit in November and December 2014 in honor of

the Art Department's 75th anniversary. The exhibition featured a wide range of media and techniques from painters, sculptors and graphic designers.

In recognition of its anniversary, the School of Library and Information Sciences invited Courtney L. Young, president of the American Library Association, to speak on campus in April 2015. Young is head librarian and a tenured professor of women's studies at Pennsylvania State University-Greater Allegheny campus, and she has earned many awards, including recognition as a Library Journal Mover and Shaker.

FOUR PROGRAMS HELD EVENTS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS IN HONOR OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES.



NCCU SCHOOL OF LAW

For 75 years, the North Carolina Central University Department of History has been training historians from diverse backgrounds. This legacy of excellence was recognized recently when the American Historical Association gave the department its 2014 Equity Award. The award recognizes the excellence in recruiting, retaining and graduating members of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups into the history professions.

The NCCU Department of History has graduated more African-Americans who went on to receive the Ph.D. in

history than any other Historically Black College or University in country. Today, there are 19 NCCU history alumni enrolled in Ph.D. programs and more than 80 who have already completed their doctorate in history.

"You will find our history alumni teaching at universities across the country from Northwestern University to the University of Louisiana," said Dr. Jim Harper, NCCU Department of History alumnus and chair of the department. "That speaks to how well we have prepared our students."

BBRI RESEARCHER WORKS TO DEVELOP NEW APPROACHES TO CANCER TREATMENT



THE UNC-TV PROGRAM, "CANCER: FOCUS ON LIFE," AIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PBS SERIES ON CANCER TITLED "THE EMPEROR OF ALL MALADIES."

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NCCU Associate Professor Antonio Baines, Ph.D, is working on cutting-edge medicine by helping to develop a more customized approach to cancer.

Baines appeared on UNC-TV with a panel of experts and cancer survivors on an April 1, 2015, as part special broadcast examining the latest in cancer therapies and treatments.

"Cancer is really 200 different diseases," said Baines, who investigates proteins in pancreatic cancer cells at NCCU's Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute (BBRI). The UNC-TV program, "Cancer: Focus on Life," aired in conjunction with the PBS series on cancer titled "The Emperor of All Maladies."

North Carolina medical centers, as well as cancer survivors, including NCCU student Rashawn King. King was 17 when he was diagnosed with leukemia in 2010. After treatment, he was cleared to play football for the Eagles in 2012. "Are we going to be able to cure them all? Certainly, we'll cure some," Baines said. "But for others, keeping the cancer at bay will be the issue."

The National Cancer Institute reports that the rate of cancer survival already has increased from below 50 percent of those diagnosed in 1974 to nearly 70 percent today. There are approximately 348,000 cancer survivors living in North Carolina.

Despite decades of cancer treatment with chemotherapy, drugs that kill

normal as well as diseased cells, Baines said doctors are now identifying more customized approaches that can specifically target cancer cells. He presented his research on pancreatic cancer cells to the American Association for Cancer Research in Philadelphia in late April. Baines also works on projects with other researchers in the U.S. and Ireland, and may have picked up a new research partner while taping the UNC-TV special: Neil Spector, M.D., who works at the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"While appearing on the panel, Dr. Spector and I realized we have many of the same interests, so now we are planning to collaborate," Baines said. To view this panel discussion online, visit [http:// www.uncvtv.org/ content/focuson/cancer](http://www.uncvtv.org/content/focuson/cancer).

Teacher Education Program Targets Communication Disorders

The NCCU School of Education is expanding its Communication Disorders program using a \$932,293 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The specialty track will begin in fall 2015 combining teacher training in speech-language pathology and special education. It also will feature hands-on experiences in the classroom, said Dr. Yolanda Keller-Bell, assistant professor in the Communication Disorders program.

Students admitted to the program will receive a stipend, tuition support and paid

professional development opportunities. In return, the students will be required to conduct community engagement sessions twice a year.

Graduates of the program will be equipped to deliver evidence-based services to children with developmental disabilities from birth through school age.

"Children with communication disorders are at great risk for having poor academic performance," said Keller-Bell. "Improving their speech and language outcomes will have a positive effect on their educational performance."



Library Science Students Check Out Internships at Library of Congress

Students enrolled in North Carolina Central University's joint Juris Doctor/Master of Library Science degree program can now hone their skills at the largest and most prestigious law library in the world.

An agreement with the Law Library of Congress has led to a practicum and internship program beginning in the summer of 2015 for students following the joint-degree track.

"Selected students will have a chance to experience an array of duties and responsibilities at the Law Library of Congress, including working in the Digital Resources Division and conducting public service activities on behalf of the library," said School of Library and Information Sciences Dean Irene Owens. "It's a wonderful opportunity."

NCCU's interns will be required to spend 120 hours in the congressional Law Library and will be assigned specific projects, including conducting an inventory of legal gazettes donated by the United Nations Dag Hammarskjold Library and undertaking initiatives of the Public Services Division and Global Legal Research Directorate.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RECOGNIZED BY CARNEGIE FOUNDATION

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has named North Carolina Central University to its list of colleges and universities to receive its 2015 Community Engagement Classification.

NCCU is one of 361 universities nationally and one of only three North Carolina Historically Black Colleges and Universities to be given the classification.

NCCU was recognized for its "excellent alignment among campus mission, culture, leadership, resources, and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement."

In 1995, NCCU became the first UNC system school to make community service a requirement for graduation and the only HBCU nationally to receive the Carnegie Engagement Classification.

NCCU's student service for 2013-14 included 207,437 volunteer hours which is valued at more than \$4.3 million.

The Carnegie Foundation is an independent policy and research center that supports needed transformations in American education.

Juvenile Justice Initiative Brings Health Safety Education to Durham

NCCU's Juvenile Justice Institute is working to reduce rates of HIV and drug use in young adults thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Nearly \$900,000 was awarded to help fund the work of the Campus Community Coalition (3C), which brings together the expertise of five academic departments and two outside agencies to provide information and education for 18 to 24 year olds in Durham.

In 2014, a team of undergraduate and graduate students carried out on- and off-campus surveys to explore prevailing habits and attitudes regarding sex, drug and alcohol use. Their findings, like those of other similar studies around the nation, show that young adults typically overestimate the degree to which their peers are involved in drug use and unprotected sex.

A follow-up evaluation will take place at the end of the project to measure the impact of deterrence efforts on the behavior of young



adults, said Dr. Arnold Dennis, director of the Juvenile Justice Institute.

Deterrence efforts to be undertaken include a social media campaign, posters with facts about drug use, and strategies for HIV prevention. The project participants also met

with area retailers to emphasize the dangers of selling alcohol to underage youth.

"If we can begin to deal with preventing substance abuse and reducing the transmission of HIV using the wealth of knowledge we have from our behavior and social science faculty, we can work towards making sure that our students and the surrounding community will not be pulled into these addictive and harmful behaviors," Dennis said.

The three-year grant was awarded to the Juvenile Justice Institute by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Community agencies involved are Together for Resilient Youth, a Durham-based advocacy group better known as TRY, and the Durham County Department of Public Health. Academic partners include the NCCU departments of Psychology, Public Health Education, Social Work, Criminal Justice, and Student Health and Counseling Services.

GENETICS OF CANCER IS THE FOCUS FOR VISITING SCIENTIST

DR. JOHN CARPTEN, a researcher who examines genetic alterations leading to cancer, came to campus in spring 2015 as a Julius L. Chambers Visiting Scientist.

Carpten is deputy director of basic research at the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) in Phoenix, AZ, where he uses cutting-edge technology and bioinformatics to analyze cancer risk, particularly among minority populations.

During his time on campus, Carpten led discussion sessions with faculty and students on study design approaches related to drug target validation, drug discovery



NEW PROGRAMS TO FOCUS ON GEOGRAPHIC AND BUSINESS INFORMATION

Two new programs with ties to the College of Arts and Sciences kicked off in 2015. The Environment and Geographic Sciences program provides a comprehensive education for students planning careers as environmentalists and geoscientists, said Dr. Carlton Wilson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"We are especially pleased that the program will generate graduates who are ready to enter the growing industry associated with geographic information systems," Wilson said.

Students also will have access to internships to gather practical experience, in areas of environmental science, geosciences, and the geospatial industry.

The Computer Science and Business degree – offered jointly through the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Business – will prepare students for new technolo-



Environmental Scientists study changes in air quality near campus.

gies involved in dispersing and controlling proprietary information for business and research.

The joint program will enable graduates to participate in the process of transforming ideas into products, including an understanding of business basics, policy and intellectual property rights.

Graduates will be prepared for careers in computing and information technology, to generate their own entrepreneurial opportunities, or pursue graduate study.

Dr. Donna Grant, associate professor of computer information systems in the School of Business, will serve as program coordinator.

DR. JOHN CARPTEN

and basic biomedical research. He also spoke at the March 26 Honors Convocation.

Carpten earned his doctoral degree in molecular, cellular and developmental biology at The Ohio State University in 1994. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in cancer genetics and worked at the National Human Genome Research Institute before joining TGen in 2003.

The first Julius L. Chambers Visiting Scientist Program took place in October 2014 with participation by Dr. Mona Fouad and Dr. Isabel Scarinci of the Minority Research and Health Disparities

Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The Visiting Scientist Program was established to bring distinguished scholars to engage NCCU faculty, students and the broader academic community and raise awareness about cutting-edge theories in health disparities research.

The Julius L. Chambers Biomedical/ Biotechnology Research Institute (BBRI) opened in 1998 to conduct research into health disparities affecting populations that are underrepresented in medical studies and health research programs in the United States.



Benjamin Durant

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

Benjamin Durant was appointed as vice chancellor for Finance and Administration at North Carolina Central University in December 2014.

In this role, Durant provides leadership in overseeing and maintaining the financial integrity of the institution and works to strengthen business practices.

Durant has more than 16 years of experience working in government and higher education.

Before his appointment, Durant served as vice chancellor for Business and Finance at Elizabeth City State University, where he achieved more than \$5 million in annual budget savings. He was chief financial officer for the City of Asheville from 2005-2010.

Durant holds a B.S. in political science from Elizabeth City State University and Master of Public Administration degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Theo Howard

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Theo Howard was appointed in March as the new associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs, following a national search.

As associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs, Howard will be responsible for oversight of the Division of Campus Recreation and Wellness, residential life, student health and counseling services and student disabilities services.

Howard's track record includes more than a decade of service at Winston-Salem State University, where he was assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs–Campus Life. In that role, he was instrumental in the development of the new \$32 million Campus Life Center. Howard also successfully led the SACS Compliance Team for accreditation in the division of student affairs at WSSU.

Also while at WSSU, Howard developed mentoring programs for male students and worked with Black Men for Change.

From 1997 to 2003, he served as executive director at the Northwestern YMCA and the Eastside Family YMCA, both located in Detroit.

Howard holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in psychology/sociology and a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in sports administration.



THEO HOWARD



TOYA G. CORBETT



ROBERT G. GAINES

Toya G. Corbett

Executive Director for Student Engagement and Leadership for Student Affairs

Dr. Toya G. Corbett was appointed in March as the executive director for student engagement and leadership for Student Affairs. In her new role, Corbett will be responsible for the supervision and oversight of the student union facility and staff, the student-government association and other student organizations.

As the executive director, Corbett also will play a lead role in the university's future plans to build a new multi-million dollar student center.

Corbett has more than 15 years of higher education experience. She previously worked at Morgan State University in the Office of Student Activities. Corbett holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina Charlotte, as well as a master's degree and a doctorate in history from Morgan State University.

Robert G. Gaines

Chief Audit Officer and Director of Internal Audit

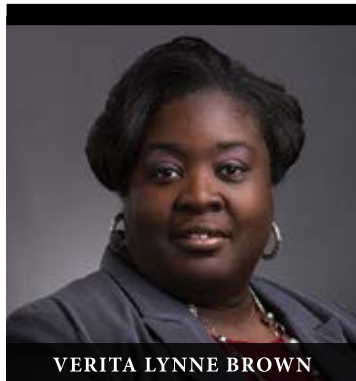
Robert G. Gaines was named as chief audit officer and director of Internal Audit for North Carolina Central University in February 2015.

Gaines' brings more than 30 years of experience in the field of financial, auditing and risk management to the job. He previously served five months as NCCU's interim chief audit officer and internal audit director.

As director of Internal Audit, Gaines will conduct operational, financial and regulatory reviews for the university and provide reports to senior leadership.

Gaines came to the university from River City Community Development Center in Elizabeth City, N.C.

Gaines earned his B.S. in accounting from North Carolina A&T State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.



Verita Lynne Brown

Director of Advancement Services

Verita Lynne Brown, former stewardship coordinator for NCCU, has been named director of Advancement Services to oversee the database of donors and affiliates of the Department of Institutional Advancement.

Brown previously served as the university's stewardship coordinator from 2011 to 2013. In her new role, she will coordinate all aspects of the Institutional Advancement database, including reports, queries and reconciliation of donated funds with accounts.

She holds a Master of Business Administration from Strayer University and two bachelor's degrees from NCCU, one in accounting and the other in computer information systems.

Before coming to work at NCCU in 2011, Brown was a systems services and support analyst for Fidelity Investments.

FAREWELL

Vice Chancellor Dr. Hazell Reed Retires

Dr. Hazell Reed retired from the university in spring 2015 after serving six years as vice chancellor for Graduate Education and Research, director of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs and overseeing other research and development interests at NCCU.

The university community has benefitted greatly from the 30 years of experience in senior leadership and higher education administration that Reed brought to the campus, said Chancellor Debra Saunders-White.

"We wish him well in all future endeavors," she added.



IN BRIEF

ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM APPROVED FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK will be able to earn a master's in just one year through an advanced-standing program recently approved by the Council on Social Work Education.

The program began in May 2015 with three evening classes a week that continue throughout the summer. In the fall, advanced-standing students will join second-year students in concentrated coursework and field-education opportunities.

During the fall and spring semesters, students will attend classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well

as class on Saturdays.

Candidates for the program are required to complete a graduate application and all social work supplemental application material, although taking the graduate record exam (GRE) is not required, according to Dr. Blenda Crayton, chair of the Department of Social Work.

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Crayton encourages applicants with a B.S. in Social Work who are eager to participate in the intellectual challenge of an intensive one-year program to earn the advanced degree. □

Band of Eagles



MANGUM



ROBINSON



WILLIAMS

NCCU GRADUATES

COMMAND THE HELM

AT THREE HISTORICALLY

BLACK UNIVERSITIES

Graduates of North Carolina Central University often occupy positions of leadership. They direct corporate boards, lead private companies, oversee nonprofit agencies and serve in the medical profession across the country.

Although there are many NCCU graduates making their mark on society and future generations in the educational field, three stand out: Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Elwood Robinson, Florida A&M University President Elmira Mangum and Fisk University President H. James Williams.

All of these leaders received their undergraduate degree from NCCU at NCCU in the early- to mid-1970s, arriving as first-generation college students. Today, they say the lessons learned while matriculating at NCCU helped set the course for their future academic careers.



FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. ELMIRA MANGUM grew up in Durham, where she lived with her parents and eight siblings. The daughter of a custodian and textile worker, Mangum learned the importance of education. Neither of her parents attended college, so they worked hard to ensure that their children all had the opportunity to do so. "Often a person's education is a major factor in their ability to obtain a job that will allow them to care for their families, including providing adequate health care and living conditions," said Mangum, who leads Florida's only HBCU.

Mangum lived with her family while she attended NCCU, graduating in 1974 with a degree in geography.

"The impact NCCU has had on my life and my career is invaluable," she said. "As the first public liberal arts institution for African-Americans in the nation, NCCU instilled in me the importance of ensuring that the underserved, and often overlooked, have access to higher education."

After graduation from NCCU, Mangum enrolled in the University of Wisconsin where she earned two master's degrees before entering a doctoral program at State University of New York at Buffalo.

Her professional experience has included serving as operations specialist for the Geological and Natural History Survey at the University of Wisconsin, as senior associate provost at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and as vice president for planning and budget at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

"NCCU's strong tradition of teaching, research and service has stayed with me over the course of my career in higher education, and has come full circle in my role as president of a university that shares the same tradition," she said. "The degree I earned in geography at NCCU exposed me to my calling in life. It exposed me to the educational needs of people from all walks of life."

It is her goal to ensure that all students, regardless of income, have access to quality higher education.

"My education at NCCU taught me to overcome challenges with solutions," she added.

In this regard, Mangum has implemented several programs to improve student outcomes since her appointment as FAMU's president in 2014. Among them is the Strong Finish Program that rewards students who complete their degrees on time. She also has been a generous donor to her alma mater NCCU, establishing an endowed scholarship to assist students.

"Through establishing these programs, I hope to be an example to our students that no matter what life throws your way, you must be intentional and creative in providing your own solutions," Mangum said.

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DR. ELWOOD ROBINSON

ALTHOUGH DR. ELWOOD ROBINSON now presides as chancellor at Winston-Salem State University, there are many in the NCCU community who know him very well.

Robinson graduated from NCCU in 1973 with a degree in psychology and returned a decade later as a professor after earning a master's in clinical psychology at Fisk University and a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. From 2006 to 2012, Robinson served as dean of the newly created NCCU College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

The Ivanhoe, N.C., native said he was the first in his family to attend college.

"I knew that I was going to go to college because I was smart," he said. "But I was not very sophisticated about college. I applied to NCCU because I had a good friend from high school who intended to go there. She eventually became my wife, Denise."

While his wife-to-be majored in education, Robinson chose to work toward his dream of becoming a psychologist. He made excellent grades, participated in clubs and honor societies and wrote for the Campus Echo.

Robinson said he was drawn to psychology because of its focus on the human experience.

"It is a discipline that is about who you are and what you are about," he said. "I have always been fascinated with the human experience."

While at Fisk, Robinson worked with patients at nearby Meharry and Hubbard hospitals. He chose Penn State to complete his doctorate because of the excellent faculty and a clinical program that focused on his primary interests of behavioral and cognitive therapy.

"The clinical Ph.D. in psychology requires an internship, and I did mine at Duke University Medical Center," Robinson said. "It really kind of put me on a strong trajectory. I had just gotten married and needed a job while I was working on my dissertation. That's how I wound up accepting my first position at NCCU."

After rising through the ranks, from instructor, to assistant professor, to full professor, to department chair and dean at NCCU, Robinson said he began to look for a new challenge.

"Sometimes you find yourself asking: What should I do next?" he said. "Personally and professionally, I felt the timing was right to make a move."

That next step turned out to be serving as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Cambridge College, a private, nonprofit institution based in Cambridge, Mass., with nine campuses catering to adult learners. He said the experience brought him a "unique perspective" and provided insight into how institutions of higher education can better position themselves to serve student needs.

"That is something I am passionate about," Robinson said. "I don't look at it as a problem specific to HBCUs, but instead as what has to happen in higher education and how the system may need to change."

When the opportunity came to move back to North Carolina as chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, he felt more than ready.

"There were a lot of folks at North Carolina Central who motivated me and believed in me," he said. "As a student, they let me know I was worthy of getting a master's and a doctorate. That experience was one of the signature moments in my life – the moment when I realized: This is something I can do."

FISK UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT H. JAMES WILLIAMS spent two tours on the campus of NCCU, first as an undergraduate student and two decades later as dean of the School of Business.

"I know I couldn't have accomplished the things that I've accomplished in my life if it wasn't for the time I spent at NCCU," said Williams. "I have to chalk up my success to what I learned here from my professors and from my classmates at this university."

As a freshman from Forsyth County, Williams admits he "didn't even know what a CPA was." A professor patiently explained the concept to him after noticing his talent for numbers.

Neither of Williams' parents finished high school, so most of his educational role models came from the staff and faculty at NCCU.

"I came here not knowing up from down, but the faculty and staff here embraced me and said: Let me give you advice and counsel," Williams added.

"It was here that I was introduced to things bigger than me. Because of this place, I learned to do everything as well as I could and achieve as much as I could, knowing that the next thing would always open up at the right time."

Williams' future did open up after graduation from NCCU in 1973 with a degree in accounting. He went on to earn a Master of Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin, a J.D. degree and Master of Laws in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center, as well as a doctorate in accounting from the University of Georgia.

Prior to becoming the 15th president of Fisk, a private HBCU in Nashville, Tenn., Williams served as dean of the Seidman College of Business at Grand Valley State University in Michigan and taught at Florida A&M University and Texas Southern University. He also



DR. H. JAMES WILLIAMS

served from 1999 to 2003 as dean of the NCCU School of Business, where he oversaw a \$5.5 million renovation of the School of Business building, developed the hospitality and tourism concentration, instituted a Distinguished Speaker Series and other initiatives.

In January 2015, Williams returned to NCCU as a Distinguished Speaker, urging students to work hard and stay focused on their goals but to also remain open to life's possibilities.

"I hope you all will take advantage of the many opportunities that await," he said. □

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RX FOR SUCCESS

BY RENEE ELDER

STUDENTS GAIN EDGE WITH EARLY
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MEDICAL SCHOOL

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hile many of their classmates were pondering summer vacation plans, **JYLA HICKS** (far left) and **KAROL SERAFIN-MOLINA** were visualizing themselves as Boston University students, studying hard to pick up a few extra academic credits.

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HE TWO SOPHOMORE EAGLES HAD INTERVIEWED IN JANUARY 2015

for a spot in Boston University Medical School's Early Medical School

Selection Program, which rewards talented, hard-working pre-med

students with a clear pathway to becoming a physician.

The news finally came in mid-April: both women had been accepted. They began packing their bags for Boston, where they will spend several weeks this summer taking classes and getting to know the two-dozen other students from across the country who were selected for the journey to medical school.

"Medical school is so competitive," said Kaye Thompson-Rogers, Ph.D., interim director of the Health Careers Center at NCCU. "You may have done everything you needed to do, yet still not get in because so many students are applying. The early selection program provides a better opportunity because the medical school professors get to know in advance who you are and what you can do."

For the program, Boston University School of Medicine partners with NCCU and 12 other undergraduate colleges serv-

ing minority or underserved populations to offer provisional acceptance into BU School of Medicine for approximately 15 students each year. The selected students are groomed for success with rigorous undergraduate preparation and early exposure to medical school coursework and culture.

To get this boost, students must commit to spending the summers after their sophomore and junior years studying in Boston, as well as their entire senior year, when they take both undergraduate- and medical school-level courses. If all goes as expected, Hicks and Serafin-Molina will return to Durham in the spring of 2017 to receive their undergraduate biology degrees from NCCU.

"It's a tough program and a great preview of medical school," said Wendy Heck-Grillo, an assistant professor of biology at NCCU who holds a Ph.D. in anatomy and

neuroscience and advises students who make it into early selection program.

"And the additional challenge is to make sure they have met all of NCCU's graduation requirements while taking their courses up in Boston. It works best when they take most of their physics, chemistry and calculus courses before the senior year."

The students pay regular NCCU tuition while attending Boston University their senior year — a savings of more than \$30,000 — and BU picks up the tab for summer school, both strong incentives for motivated students.

DR. KENYA GOINS is an NCCU graduate who completed the program and is now doing her residency at Self Regional Hospital in Greenwood, S.C. She is excited to be embarking on a career as a family practitioner, serving patients from all walks of life.



Pictured far left, NCCU graduates Kenya Goins, Calbee Cooper and Erica Perry celebrate together after being admitted to BU Medical School in 2010. The trio joined other students from across the U.S. in Boston.

Goins calls her senior year of undergraduate school at Boston University “the hardest thing I’ve ever done.”

“Everything about it was hard — the intensity of the coursework, adjusting to the culture of New England, the Boston weather,” she said. “Only now can I see the benefits of how well I was prepared, and I definitely I wouldn’t change anything about it.”

Goins said she might never have made it through the rigorous process without the camaraderie and support of NCCU Class of 2010 classmates **DR. CALBEE COOPER** and **DR. ERICA PERRY**, who also were part of the program. Like Goins, Cooper is now completing her medical training as a resident, while Perry recently graduated from medical school, having earned a master’s degree in public health along the way.

Perry, who grew up in Durham, attended the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics for high school and set her sights early on becoming a doctor. She was eager to apply to the BU program during her sophomore year. Yet even for someone so committed, the requirements were challenging.

“It was my goal, going into college, to become a doctor, but there was a point in the application process I thought: I don’t know about this,” she said. “But having Kenya and Calbee there and having their support played a huge role in my commitment.”

Each early selection student is paired with a physician mentor, whom they shadow to learn more about the practice of medicine and what is required of physicians on a day-to-day basis.

They also learn study and time-management skills that are crucial for success in medical school. Other required classes for undergraduates include medical terminology, a preparation course for the Medical College Admission Test, or MCAT, and a seminar entitled Race, Ethnicity and Health.

The program was designed in the late 1980s to encourage more minority students to become physicians and to improve the practice of medicine and medical research overall, said Dr. Samantha Kaplan, who is assistant dean of Diversity and Multiculturalism at BU Medical School. NCCU has been a participant since 1996.

“We wanted to expand the pool of physicians of color, so we decided to go to places where we would find large populations

of intelligent and highly skilled students who were interested in pursuing medical careers,” Kaplan said.

Not only does the program assist minority medical school candidates, it indirectly helps improve patient care. Studies show that patients fare better when treated by doctors who share at least some of their ethnic traits. And a more diverse student body even helps prepare future doctors to serve patients from a variety of backgrounds, Kaplan added.

“Data from medical schools shows that a diverse student body encourages all students to feel better prepared,” she said. “That goes for rural, urban, black, white — all differences. Every dialogue brings an additional perspective.”



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Finally, physicians who are from minority populations are more likely to practice in communities considered underserved by the medical profession.

Students are invited to apply based on test scores, grades and interest in earning a medical degree. A total of 15 students from NCCU have been chosen for the program over the years.

That Cooper, Goins and Perry would all wind up as physicians came as no surprise to John Myers, Ph.D., who taught the three women organic chemistry. He called his student lineup “Murderer’s Row,” a term drawn from the New York Yankees baseball team of the 1920s, featuring Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and other heavy hitters. “As a pitcher, it was said you could never get a pitch past the Murderer’s Row,” Myers explained. “And as a teacher, I could never pose a question in class that was not knocked out of the park by one of those students. They were such strong, motivated learners.”

Hicks and Serafin-Molina are similarly talented and a good bet to make it through the program and earn the M.D., Thompson-Rogers said. The two were among top students identified as freshmen as possessing strong academic talent and a desire to attend medical school. They were invited to meet with a representative from BU, who comes to campus annually to discuss the program. Interested students apply during their sophomore year.

Hicks, who grew up in Columbus, Ohio, said she came to NCCU after turning down full scholarships at other universities. “I came here for a visit and it fit perfectly,” she added. “My family fell in love with NCCU, and I fell in love with it, too.”

Serafin-Molina is from Durham and attended J.D. Clement Early College High School on NCCU’s campus. “It will be something to get

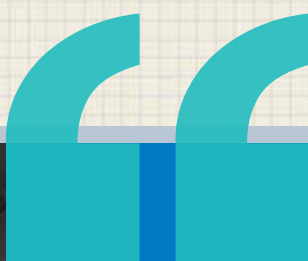
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used to – being away from my family,” she said. “But I’m ready to get out of my comfort zone, ready for something a little different.”

Both women are Annie Day Shepard Scholars and serve as teacher-assistants in biology labs. “We work pretty closely with each other, so I think we will have a strong support system built in,” Hicks said.

Goins said she would advise newcomers to the Boston program to be prepared for lots of hard work and high-level challenges of the sort that many academically talented students have not yet had to confront.

“Usually what I tell students coming in to the program is to figure out what keeps you focused and hang on to that,” Goins said. “It’s going to be hard, and you’re going to feel like giving up. But if you can stay grounded in something – which, for me, was my faith – it will be a great experience.”



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LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION

NCCU ALUMNI ARE THE **BREAKOUT STARS** IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY.
HERE'S HOW THEY ROSE TO FAME.

BY AYANA D. HERNANDEZ





QUITE A NUMBER OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ALUMNI have made their marks on the entertainment industry over the years. Eagle alumni have played on the big screen, appeared in highly successful television series, and made decisions behind the camera as producers and content developers.

Among these celebrated Eagle entertainers is **IVAN DIXON**, the late screen and television actor, director, producer and radio station owner. Dixon's 1954 drama degree from NCCU led him to Broadway in the late 1950s, where he played alongside Sidney Pointier in "A Raisin in the Sun." He later became a cast member in the hit TV series "Hogan's Heroes" and directed numerous other television series, including "Magnum, P.I." and "The Greatest American Hero," as well as the motion picture "The Spook Who Sat by the Door."



Charles J. Baron

Another in the limelight after college is former NCCU Board of Trustees member **CHARLES J. BARON**, Class of 1958, who studied Physical Education and minored in Recreation, had a lead role in the 1983 comedy film "DC Cab" with Mr.

T that was directed by Joel Shumacher. He later had a recurring role in a soap opera.

SIMEON HOLLOWAY, Class of 1950, studied music and drama at NCCU and became part of the groundbreaking U.S. Navy B-1 Band before launching a successful career in movies and television series such as "Little House on the Prairie," "227," "Hill Street Blues," "Trouble Man," "Good Times" and "What's Happening!!"

Today, a new lineup of NCCU alumni is following the path created by these great actors.

Wildly popular actress **KIM COLES** who has starred in "Living Single," "In Living Color" and "My Black is Beautiful" attended NCCU from 1981 to 1982. The actor and comedian returned to NCCU in 2014 to perform her latest, one-woman show "Oh But Wait... There's More!"

CHRISTOPHER DELAROSA LOPEZ, Class of 2013, has amassed an impressive acting resume, although he works full-time as policy specialist and executive assistant to the president of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. Lopez has played an emergency medical technician



Christopher Delarosa Lopez



April Parker Jones (far left)



Ivan Dixon

in "Iron Man 3," a senate advisor in "Mary and Martha" and a party attendant in "Tammy" — all major motion picture films. On the small screen, Lopez has played a senior political staffer on the Netflix series "House of Cards," an injured patron in CBS's "Under the Dome," and a CIA analyst, U.S. Army captain and U.S. Marine Corps private in HBO's "Homeland."

WYLISSA BENNETT, who graduated in 1987, is a high profile publicist based in Los Angeles. As founder and owner of wrb public relations, the award-winning writer, communicator and public relations practitioner has a client roster that has included reality star NeNe Leakes, two-time Emmy Award-winning celebrity hairstylist Kiyah Wright, award-winning actor Sheryl Lee Ralph, as well as radio personality and filmmaker Russ Parr.

Another NCCU graduate is **CHRISTOPHER MARABLE**, Class of 2012, an audience production assistant at Warner Bros. Studios in Los Angeles.

APRIL PARKER JONES, a Durham native, honed her acting talent in NCCU's Theatre Department for three years from 1994-1997 before launching her career. She is currently starring in Tyler Perry's "If Loving You is Wrong" and plays the lead detective in ABC's "How to Get Away With Murder." She also was cast in "Jericho" and has had spots in other popular shows, such as "CSI," "Lost," "Scandal," "ER" and "90210."

Here are a few other Eagle alumni who are making major moves in front of and behind the camera — from Hollywood to New York City.

PAUL FAUNTLEROY, a Raleigh native, shot his first film when he was in the fifth grade. While in high school, he took "an elective television and video production class to fill up my schedule, but quickly realized that I enjoyed making things in a creative environment," Fauntleroy said.

His first film, a class project on French explorer, Champlain, was shot using a Fisher-Price PXL 2000 video camera that recorded onto an inexpensive cassette tapes. Since bringing his dream to life over the past decade, Fauntleroy has developed an impressive body of work.

Fauntleroy attended NCCU on a full academic scholarship and earned his bachelor's in 2000 in English and mass communications with a concentration on electronic media. While in college, he took advantage of the inter-institutional agreement NCCU has with other schools in the Triangle.

"I applied to Duke to take film theory classes and was accepted, and eventually earned a certificate in film and video," Fauntleroy said. "I also did an independent study in basic film producing at UNC-Chapel Hill."

While studying, he volunteered at the PBS-affiliate UNC-TV in Research Triangle Park. But it was an internship at New Millennium Studios in Petersburg, Va., in the summer between his junior and senior year, that further ignited his curiosity about all things entertainment.

"I called inquiring about an internship, and Daphne Maxwell Reid [wife of Tim Reid of Tim Reid Productions and owner of New Millennium] answered the phone! It turned out that my mom and Daphne were roommates and sorority sisters in college," he said.

It was a combination of luck, talent and perseverance that opened the next doors in his career.

"While working full-time at New Millennium, I knew I wanted to be in film but there would be risks involved. I wanted to work hard and learn and go into this opportunity with an open mind. I was hired to be the graphics manager and to design set pieces for



NAME Paul Fauntleroy '00
OCCUPATION Filmmaker/Writer/Director
ON LOCATION Hollywood

music videos. We shot videos for Missy [Elliott] and Timbaland there.” He eventually ended up using his editing skills as well as did camera work for a cable TV-series and worked on a few feature films while there.

After relocating to Washington, D.C., in 2003, he started IndieBlackFilms. Through his company, Fauntleroy helped produce and distribute a film titled “Torn.”

“IndieBlackFilms allowed me to focus on storytelling for people who looked like me,” he

AFTER TRANSITIONING TO THE AMERICAN FILM MARKET IN 2014, WHERE HE WAS ABLE TO SEE HOW FILMS ARE BOUGHT AND SOLD, FAUNTLEROY IS NOW AT WORK ON HIS NEWEST VENTURE — BLACK FIST FILMS.

said. “I began lending all my skill set and time to help people complete their projects. It was extremely important to tell our own stories. I feel as if have an opportunity to tell stories that would otherwise not be told.”

Fauntleroy worked for the federal government while developing his film company. Meanwhile, he saved \$12,000, bought a car and purchased new film equipment to move again, this time to Los Angeles. “I started



NAME	Bianca N. Barnes-Williams '95
OCCUPATION	Producer
ON LOCATION	New York City

ONE LOOK AT BIANCA N. BARNES-WILLIAMS' credits and you will see some of the television industry's top networks — from BET to Bravo. If her life story were rewound to the beginning, it's a set up for the success she has been able to earn over the past 20 years.

Barnes-Williams was born in New Jersey and grew up in the mountains of Dublin, Va. During high school, she moved with her family to Greensboro. After watching the television show “A Different World,” she knew that wanted to attend an HBCU and arrived at NCCU in the early 1990s to major in biology.

“I was going to be a veterinarian but changed my major early on to English,” Barnes-Williams said. “I would write in the margins of all my books and enjoyed literature and English. I recall sitting in my journalism class and hearing two students talk about an internship at WRAL in Raleigh. I interned there and also at UNC-TV. I later decided to double major in education and English/media journalism,” she said.

working on low budget films and networking to make connections. At one time, I was working three and four jobs at once to earn a steady income."

Fauntleroy was hired as a technical architect at TBWA\ Chiat Day, a top global advertising agency network. Through work with some of the agency's top clients, such as Gatorade, Pepsi, Visa (during the 2008 Olympics) and Apple, he began to see that advertisements such as Super Bowl commer-

cials were like "mini films."

In 2012, Fauntleroy went to work at Marvel Studios, which produced the films "Ironman 3," "Thor," "Captain America" and one of the biggest grossing films of all time, "The Avengers."

Through his next job at Creative Artists Agency, a talent and sports agency with A-list actors, writers and directors, Fauntleroy rubbed elbows with many of Hollywood's finest. "You have to establish a list of the people whom you want to meet in this busi-

ness," he said. "If you aren't talking to the right people, you won't make it out here. I've come to understand that your network equals your net worth within the entertainment industry."

After transitioning to the American Film Market in 2014, where he was able to see how films are bought and sold, Fauntleroy is now at work on his newest venture — Black Fist Films — and focusing on international film and television, web content production, branding, packaging and distribution.

Barnes-Williams accepted her first "real job" at WFMY in Greensboro. "I was assigned to camera operations for three months but knew there was something bigger out there," she recalled. "I later worked on the assignment desk during the weekend and on 'Good Morning WFMY.' "

She also worked on the ESPN show "Black College Sports Today," a roundup of HBCU sports programs.

After being persuaded by her college roommates to move to New Jersey, Barnes-Williams secured a job on a film and began calling herself a publicist. A work acquaintance connected her with a friend at BET and she was hired as a producer for "Teen Summit," where she grew close to the hosts and their parents.

"The show combined my love for education with television, so it was truly the best of both worlds," Barnes-Williams said. "It was the best job I've had."

When "Teen Summit" was canceled, Barnes-Williams moved to "106th and Park," another BET show. She also started producing specials and documentaries. One of the highlights of her time at the company was when the former president of programming, Stephen Hill, sent her to South Africa to film singer

Maxwell. She later followed Destiny's Child on the group's farewell tour and produced a documentary on rapper and actor Ludacris.

Some of her projects were "Six Degrees of Diddy" with Sean Combs, "Nas This is the N," "On and Off: Nayo" and "Chris Brown: Young, Gifted & Exclusive."

She said she devoted time to all aspects of the job, including building, developing, creating and producing the shows.

"Most people will do a portion of it, but I did it all. I like to see each product from beginning to end — from picking the team that works on the show, being connected to the talent or cast, to working with the editor."

After 13 years with BET, Barnes-Williams went to work for the "Real Housewives" franchise on Bravo/True Entertainment. "I like telling stories and finding people who are willing to tell their stories," she said. "These characters are dynamic and relatable. I've been in their homes and met their families. Our viewers feel like they know these women personally."

She is currently working as an executive producer on a new reality show about another group of fascinating women. "I saw the casting reel with these African-American women, and there are so many things I think people

can relate to," she said. "They are socialites and they are wealthy but down to earth. Ultimately, I want to tell an array of stories and am careful about the images I am putting out in the world."

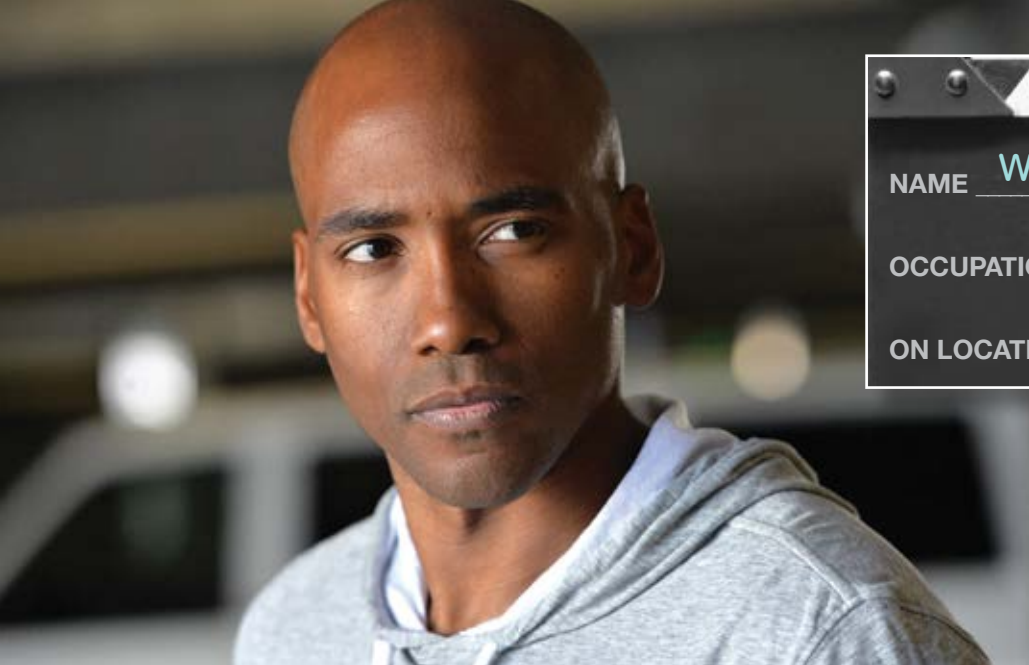
Barnes-Williams' admits that if it were not for being willing to take a step back when she transitioned from BET to the reality shows, she would not be at this point in her career. "You have to look at the big picture and diversify your career. Always anticipate your next step and broaden your resume by working for other networks. Stay two, three and four steps ahead of the game."

What's next? "I want to get into scripting and work on a scripted show or film. I'd love to do an OWN show at some point in my career."

Her advice for the next generation of directors and producers is simple: "Produce products that you are interested in yourself. You have to be a communicator in this business; this is not a business for people who are shy. Networking is important. Once a month, send an email to a contact, former colleague or supervisor just to say what you've been up to. Don't get into it for the money. You will sacrifice. Know, at the end of the day, the work you do will account for something."

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— Bianca N. Barnes-Williams



NAME **William Bryan "Blu Fox" '98**

OCCUPATION **Actor/Writer/Director**

ON LOCATION **Los Angeles**

WILLIAM BRYAN, also known as Blu Fox, was the vice president for the Student Government Association when he was at NCCU and participated in the weekly leadership team meetings of Chancellor Julius L. Chambers, the late chancellor emeritus of NCCU. He instilled in Bryan workmanship, organization and leadership. Bryan says he built his SGA staff like Chancellor Chambers built his team. "His wisdom has helped me throughout the course of my career."

A native of Hendersonville, N.C., Bryan's acting debut occurred in the fifth grade, when he played in "The Wiz." "When I got to high school, I began writing and producing African-American plays. It was a way of expressing myself," he said. Encouraged by a Disney executive, Bryan auditioned for the prestigious and highly selective North Carolina School of the Arts high school drama program and was accepted, receiving scholarships to attend.

As he prepared to graduate from high school, the director of NCCU's Department of Theatre, Dr. Linda Kerr-Norfleet, reached out to Bryan. "I came and did a one-on-one tour of the school. She discussed my potential and how I would flourish by attending a university with an award-winning African-American theater department. I was hooked."

Bryan enrolled at NCCU in 1994, and within a month he was cast as the lead in the campus production of the award-winning play "Old Story Time and Smile Orange." He also joined the Eagle track team.

"Eventually the fear of not making a living as an entertainer in North Carolina clouded my judgment, and I changed my major to biology and stopped acting," he said. "I graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in 1998. I researched occupations and found

that dentistry was one of the highest-paying fields. I completed two summer internships, one at Duke and one at the University of Michigan, and a research fellowship at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Short after, I applied and was accepted at UNC and enrolled in the School of Dentistry."

After attending dental school for two and half years on a full scholarship, Bryan missed acting, writing and politics, which conflicted with his busy schedule. "I was taking 32-plus hours a semester and working and scheduling my patients at night," he said.

Bryan reduced his course schedule by half and took a job with North Carolina senator John Edwards and started auditioning. "I booked an episode on 'Dawson's Creek,' and wrapped up dental school," he said of the next phase of his life. "It started with a prayer: God let your will be done and not my own, and that simple prayer is what reignited my faith and journey, defeating fear."

Then, Bryan headed for Hollywood. Within a month he had a manager and agent and booked his first job. Multiple national commercials, television shows and independent films followed, as did Nike campaigns and print ads internationally.

Bryan was soon ready to transition back to producing, writing and directing. "There's a lack of stories being told from the vantage point of people of color," he said. "Over 70 percent of viewers are people of color, and we make up only nine percent of the people we see on the screen."

He also believes that learning is a continual process. "I have gone back to UCLA and taken editing, writing and directing continuing-education courses, as the entertainment industry is continually evolving."

Bryan wrote and directed his first film, "Speechless," in 2006. The drama starred actor Omari Hardwick, known for his work in "Being Mary Jane," "Sparkle" and "For Colored Girls."

Throughout his career, Bryan has benefited from his experiences at NCCU.

"I learned great life lessons from so many people at NCCU," he said. "Dr. Byrd in the Biology Department believed and pushed me to achieve higher goals. The late Ms. Barbara Moore, in the Health Careers office, taught me that I had to explore outside the nest of NCCU if I wanted to be competitive."

Bryan says his journey is still in progress. "Young people often ask me, what's the secret to my success? I tell them very simply, my faith in God and a strong desire to not fail when there are more failures than successes."

BRYAN WROTE AND DIRECTED HIS FIRST FILM, "SPEECHLESS," IN 2006. THE DRAMA STARRED ACTOR OMARI HARDWICK, KNOWN FOR PREVIOUS WORK IN "BEING MARY JANE," "SPARKLE" AND "FOR COLORED GIRLS."

LISA HARRIS HAMPTON'S high school year book inscription predicted a life for her in the computer industry.

The St. Louis native clearly went in a different direction after graduating from NCCU in the mid-1980s. "My career as a singer and actor instead chose me," said Harris Hampton, who majored in theater and English literature.



△ Pictured above, Lisa Harris Hampton serves as a stand-in for actress Jenifer Lewis on "Black-ish," acting opposite of the male lead, Anthony Anderson.



"I remember coming out of my classes in the Farrison-Newton Communication Building and seeing auditions posted for 'Butterman Brown Sugar,' a play that was being directed by theater professor Dr. Karen Dacons-Brock," Harris Hampton recalled.

"I used to dance and had been singing since I was 11 years old. After I performed in the play, it became a tug-of-war between Dr. Charles Gilchrist, then director of the choir, and Dr. Linda Kerr-Norfleet, in the theater department. In the end, both singing and acting have become major parts of my career and my life."

Harris Hampton moved to Los Angeles immediately after graduation. "I had a demonstration recording contract with Capital Records, which was huge! I wound up not getting signed but stayed in Los Angeles for six months, until there was an earthquake and I moved to New York City."

At this point in her career, singing was center stage. "I worked at the local telephone company and sang in the church choir." She also auditioned for the famed "Showtime at the Apollo" television program, win-

ning a performance spot several times.

Through those connections, Harris Hampton developed a friendship with a background singer for jazz and gospel vocalist Regina Belle, and Harris Hampton later joined on as a background singer for R&B singer Melba Moore.

Since she had always combined her love of acting and singing, Harris Hampton decided to relocate to her hometown to join the St. Louis Black Repertory Theatre.

"I was a company member for 10 years and did several plays in St. Louis," she said. While there, she both taught and earned a master's degree in teacher education.

But a yearning to perform led her to launch her own theatre company, A Spoonful O Honey Theater Company, in St. Louis.

She eventually received a grant for the company and established it as a 501(c)3 organization.

Then the acting pull returned, along with a desire to return to Los Angeles.

Harris Hampton is currently a stand-in for Jenifer Lewis on ABC's "Black-ish," as well for Cleo King on CBS' "Mike and Molly."

"I am putting my heels in the group and working hard. I am a SAG AFTA (Screen Actors Guild American Federation for Television Actors) member and am also part of the Actors Equity Association as a union performer."

She has also been a day player on CBS' "Criminal Minds" and was recently accepted into

a prominent acting class, Diana Castle's The Imagined Life, as she makes the transition to a more solid film career.

She says her career journey has been bumpy but she has learned so much over the years.

"I would recommend that anyone looking to get into the entertainment industry should finish their degree and get a skill outside the degree so it can feed you. You should also be careful not to compare your journey to someone else's journey; follow your heart and pay attention to you. Have a passion for what you are doing, because it is not easy. It has to be in your heart." □

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OPPORTUNITIES

Travel Abroad and Study Abroad Programs Help NCCU Students See the World

BY RENEE ELDER

From remote villages along the Amazon River to the bright lights of Hong Kong, students at North Carolina Central University encounter a world of opportunities for traveling and learning internationally. NCCU students have crossed the oceans to earn college credit through the

International Student Exchange Program, worked as English teachers in foreign countries, presented research at international conferences, assisted communities in Peace Corps projects, and found dozens of other ways to incorporate travel into their educational goals.

For those who think they want to go abroad at some point during their college years, a visit to NCCU's Office of International Affairs is the best first step, says Dr. Olivia Metzger Jones, assistant director. Jones says that most overseas experiences take a year or more to plan, with tasks that include getting or updating a passport and student visa, identifying the best programs to meet a student's needs, and ensuring that funding is in place to support a trip abroad.

"Travel abroad can be done as Study Abroad or Experience Abroad, and it may or may not offer college credit," Jones said.

Either type of travel is worthwhile, as long as students know in advance what to expect and understand all the requirements they will have to meet, she adds.

For some students, the preparation involves more than administrative legwork. Students Yolonda Long, Renee Blazek and Nyesha Hicks collaborated with Professor Kisha Daniels, Ed.D., of the School of Education, on a research project and academic paper that was published in the International Journal of Research on Service-Learning. That publication led to an invitation to present the findings in





|A| Tamina Kienka, left, and other students from NCCU traveled by air from Lima to Iquitos, Peru, to observe doctors treating patients at the Hospital Regional de Loreto. **|B|** NCCU students Dominique Littles, Joselyn Miller, Jahmal Brooks, Meca Johnson and Nnenna Ujah learned about infectious diseases common among people living in the South American rainforests. **|C|** After reaching Iquitos by air, students boarded a boat to visit children living in isolated villages along the Amazon River. **|D|** Professor Kisha Daniels, Ed.D., led students studying minority health disparities on a visit to Hong Kong, where they presented research on childhood nutrition and “food deserts.”

November at a conference at Hong Kong’s Polytechnic University.

The trip was funded by the same source that sponsored the research: the National Cancer Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities.

“The experience was amazing,” said Long, a junior nursing student from Durham. “It took us 18 hours to get there, and when we arrived, we were treated like superstars.”

The week-long visit was an eye-opener for Long, who was unsure what to expect in the Asian city. There were differences, such as more reliance on herbal medicine, as well as some surprising similarities.

“English seemed to be spoken everywhere and we saw a Starbucks or McDonald’s on just about every corner,” Long said.

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— YOLANDA LONG, NCCU nursing student, junior



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— TAMINA KIENKA
NCCU Biology/pharmaceutical sciences student, senior

THE CITY also had some familiar health concerns: Hong Kong’s population struggles with childhood obesity and other health disparities. As in the United States, some neighborhoods lack easy access to healthy foods.

“Our research project focused on health disparities of minorities and on childhood obesity in areas we call food deserts, that lack fresh foods and vegetables,” Long says. “It turned out that students from Polytechnic University also had done a research project that was very similar.”

Seeing how work in one part of the world can have a beneficial effect on another is motivating, Long says.

“The experience encouraged me to keep doing research,” she adds. “It’s a good way to help you see the fruits of your labor.”

Another group of NCCU students ventured into the Amazon rainforest to shadow doctors at a hospital in Iquitos, Peru, and learn more about the treatment of tropical diseases. Lane Rolling, M.D., who works for the Tropical Pathology and Infectious Disease Association, visited NCCU in early 2014 to present the opportunity to students and faculty. The association is a private organization dedicated to educating students in diagnosis and treatment of infectious tropical diseases.

NCCU senior Tamina Kienka was among 15 students and two faculty chaperones who traveled to Lima in December 2014.

“It definitely gave me a different perspective,” said Kienka, a biology/pharmaceutical sciences double major from Kenya, who also plays on the university’s tennis team. “The clinical observations were like a crash course in what practicing medicine might entail.”

The group spent Dec. 11 through Dec. 24, 2014, at the Ospital Reginal in Iquitos, Peru, observing





doctors in neonatology, obstetrics and gynecology, surgery, infectious diseases, and emergency medicine.

Conditions at the largest hospital in Iquitos were surprising. Patients slept on cots and brought bedclothes from home for an overnight stay. Windows were left open due to the lack of air conditioning, and each bed was covered in netting to keep out insects. Students were required to have yellow fever shots and malaria pills before they left the U.S. to protect their own health.

"They observed C-sections," said Kaye Thompson-Rogers, Ph.D., interim director of the Office of NC

Health Careers Access Program, a chaperone for the trip. "They also learned how to test for malaria, TB and Dengue fever in the pathology lab."

The experience not only gave Kienka a broader view of medicine and South American culture, it has changed his career aspirations.

"I still want to be a doctor; I'm passionate about the medical field," he says. "But I did want to go into oncology and now I'm more interested in infectious diseases."

A more traditional study abroad program is available through the University of North Carolina Exchange Program and the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) network, which offer classroom learning in another country ranging from a summer session to a full academic year. However, Jones recommends not waiting until senior year to seek out an international experience. The administrative process for having credits transferred back to NCCU for graduation can stretch for weeks or even months, potentially delaying a diploma.

Many of the study abroad courses provide academic credit that can be used toward graduation at NCCU and are comparable in cost to studying on campus, Jones says. Financial aid normally used for college funding can typically be applied to for-credit classes taken abroad. But travel and some housing costs likely will be extra, and student loan or grant funding might not be dispersed until after the program is underway.

IE Students Jocelyn Miller and Dominique Littles were among NCCU students who said they learned much from their visit to Peru, including the disparities in living conditions that exist for some village residents. **IF** Jyla Hicks, Octavious Johnson, Tamina Kienka, Kelsey McBride, Michell Smith, Nicole Boone, Nnenna Ujah and Boris D Shazo traveled together to South America to get a first-hand look at medical treatment for infectious diseases. **IG** Dominique Littles holds a baby in the Iquitos hospital.



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“Typically, those checks come 10 days after classes start, which means students may have to have the money for everything up front,” Jones says. “That holds back a lot of students who want to travel abroad because they don’t have the money available.”

A variety of scholarships for study abroad are also available – primarily to students willing to go to less popular destinations, such as Russia, Latin America or Asia. Jones and her staff are happy to meet with students to go over all the options and help work out the best plan for experiencing life and learning in another country.

“Wherever they want to go, the Office of International Affairs should be their first stop,” she says. □

I | NCCU Professor Kisha Daniels and students Renee Blazek and Yolanda Long met with other academic researchers in Hong Kong. **II** | Hong Kong Polytechnic University was the site for the second annual Summit on University Social Responsibility that drew participants from NCCU and around the world. **IJ** | At the Chinese Medicinal Nursing Laboratory in Hong Kong, NCCU students learned about the prominent role of herbal remedies in some Asian cultures. **IK** | Hong Kong’s Secretary for Education Eddie Ng Hak-kim was one of several speakers at the Summit, which endorsed service learning as a way universities can make a difference in the social and economic well-being of communities. **IL** | Students learned about tropical infectious diseases in Iquitos, Peru.



Dear Alumni and Friends:

This has been an exciting year for Alumni Relations. We have been busy building relationships and forming friendships with former Eagles near and far.

Our network of more than 30,000 alumni and friends plays an important role in helping promote NCCU to prospective students, potential donors and the public. In turn, it is our job to help keep you connected to the university and to the legacy of Truth and Service that you have been part of since your days on campus.

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Homecoming 2014 drew enthusiastic participation that led to a truly "ultimate" experience for returning Eagles – with concerts, fashion shows, dances and a fantastic win by the football team over the Norfolk State University Spartans.

Make plans now to join us for the next fabulous series of Homecoming events scheduled for Oct. 29-31, 2015. It will be a great opportunity to connect, engage and celebrate Eagle Pride!

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'69 DR. PERRY MASSEY

was appointed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association to the Division II Academic Requirements Committee and to the subcommittee on Progress to Degree.

'74 DR. MARVA T. DIXON

was inducted into the Dallas County African-American Education Archives and History Program Educators Hall of Fame.

'94 LOUIS "SKIP" PERKINS

was named associate vice president and director of athletics at Delaware State University.

'98 SHELLEY DAVIS

was named interim athletic director at Howard University.

'14 KAYLA N. PRICE

was sworn in as attorney and counsel at law at the Sampson County Courthouse.

'03 DR. PATRICE Z.

HOWARD, a graduate of the NCCU Department of Political Science, accepted a position as senior researcher and policy analyst for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

GRADUATE HAS BEEN NAMED REGIONAL SALES MANAGER

'93 **TOMMY McNEILL**, former owner of Mid-South Medical, has been named regional sales manager for TIDI Products, a leading manufacturer of infection-prevention medical supplies.

In this role, McNeill is responsible for sales, marketing and distribution across 25 states.

McNeill holds a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from North Carolina Central University School of Business.

TONYA WILLIAMS HAS BEEN NAMED DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

'01 **TONYA WILLIAMS** has been honored as the 2015 Principal of the Year by Durham Public Schools.

Williams has served at Sherwood Githens Middle School Williams for two years, following a four-year principalship at Eno Valley Elementary School.

The suspension rate has dropped by 7 percent in the two years that she has been at Sherwood Githens. Improving support and work satisfaction for teachers and more PTA involvement by

parents are among her goals as principal.

Williams holds a B.A. in middle school education from NCCU and a master's of school administration from North Carolina State University.

The principal of the year recognition is a program sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Wells Fargo Bank.

HISTORY GRADUATE EARNS WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

'07 and '10 **DR. TAKEIA N. ANTHONY** was named as the Native Daughter recipient of the Annual Women of Achievement Awards hosted by the Human Rights Commission of Bowling Green, Ky.

The Native Daughter Award is given to a native of Bowling Green but lives in another location and is a trailblazer. Anthony is Bowling Green's first African-American woman to earn a Ph.D. in history. She received the award on March 28, 2015.

Anthony earned degrees in 2007 and 2010 from NCCU's Department of History. She completed her Ph.D. at Howard University in 2014 and now is employed an assistant professor of history at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Fla.

She also has her own company, Dr. TaKeia Speaks.



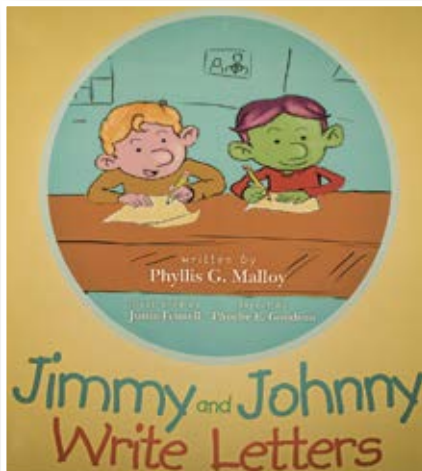
NCCU ALUMNUS ASSUMES REINS OF CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

'71 and '74 **U.S. REP. G.K. BUTTERFIELD** a graduate of North Carolina Central University and the NCCU School of Law, was sworn in as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus in January 2015. Butterfield represents North Carolina's 1st District, which stretches from Durham east to Elizabeth City.

A native of Wilson, N.C., Butterfield served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970 and received his law degree from NCCU in 1974. His undergraduate degrees are in political science and sociology.

Butterfield was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2004. Previously, he served as a Superior Court judge and a member of the North Carolina Supreme Court. He currently is a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, as well as the International Conservation Caucus and the Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus. Since 2007, Butterfield has served as a chief deputy whip for the Democratic party.

ALUMNI BOOK CORNER



CHILDREN'S BOOK IMPROVES LETTER WRITING SKILLS

A children's book written by **PHYLLIS GOODSON MALLOY** was published in 2014 by Archway Publishing of Bloomington, Ind.

Malloy is a retired teacher of English and an advocate of letter writing. Her book, *Jimmy and Johnny Write Letters*, encourages children to put their thoughts down in letters for friends and family to share.

Malloy graduated from NCCU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1963. She also holds an M.S. from N.C. A&T State University.

DOUBLE EAGLE TO REPRESENT NORTH CAROLINA'S EPISCOPAL DIOCESE

'56 and '61 **MARY HAWKINS** has been chosen as the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina's Distinguished Woman for 2015 and will represent the group during the 2015 Triennial Meeting of Episcopal Church Women.

Hawkins is a graduate of NCCU in with B.S. in public health, and she also received an M.S. in public health in 1961.

She taught in the NCCU Department of Health Education for more than 40 years before retiring, and she continues to advise students and teach as an adjunct professor.

In her spare time, Hawkins edits newsletters for the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of North Carolina, and the NCCU Association of Retirees. Hawkins also serves as treasurer for St. Titus' Episcopal Church and the United Christian Campus Ministry.

AN NCCU ALUMNUS IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT THE SUPER BOWL



'82 **TONY MEDLIN**, Chicago Bears equipment manager, was selected by the NFL to handle footballs and schedule ball attendants during 2014's big game between the New

England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks in Glendale, Ariz.

According to a report on ESPN, having another team's equipment manager to supervise the equipment used in the contest is long tradition.

"The officials will maintain strict control of the game balls," NFL spokesman Michael Signora told the outlet.

The NFL was in good hands. Medlin managed equipment for the NCCU Eagles football team from 1982-87.

DR. LAMONT BRYANT NAMED TO TOP PHARMACEUTICAL POST

'96 **DR. LAMONT BRYANT** was recently promoted to the position of senior director for regulatory affairs at McNeil Consumer Healthcare.

In this position, Bryant leads operations and serves on the McNeil Board of Trustees and the Consumer Global Regulatory Affairs Extended Leadership Team.

Bryant, a native of Princeton, N.C., received a B.S. and M.S. in biology from NCCU and a Ph.D. in environmental sciences and engineering from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health.

Bryant, his wife, Nikki, and their sons, Nicholas and Michael live in Central New Jersey.

Bryant is a member of the Board of Directors at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health and the Board of Visitors at North Carolina Central University, College of Arts and Sciences.

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A Passion for Health



ALUMNA DR. WARACHAL FAISON FINDS SATISFACTION IN HER WORK AS A MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR PFIZER

Dr. Warachal Faison recalls the day her organic chemistry teacher at North Carolina Central University stopped her as she exited class.

The teacher, Dr. John Myers, told Faison he had seen her wearing a trench coat that signified her intention to become a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

"He was worried that I would get caught up in sororities and fraternities and lose my focus on education," Faison recalls. "I told him I'd already had this conversation with my mom and dad, and felt I had something to prove."

Faison's determination paid off. She won her bid to become a member of Delta Sigma Theta, joined the Marching Sound Machine, and continued to earn excellent grades throughout her college career, graduating summa cum laude in 1989 with a degree in biology and a full scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. After medical school, Faison served as chief psychiatric resident at UNC and became a geriatric psychiatry fellow at Duke University before accepting a position as clinical director for Alzheimer's research at the University of South Carolina in Charleston.

"One of the primary things that propelled my career was the nurturing I received at NCCU," Faison said. "My professors were huge mentors for me. I never felt like a Social Security number, and that's one of the things that makes NCCU stand out."

Today, Faison is a New York City-based geriatric psychiatrist and medical director for the divisions of Women's and Men's Health at Pfizer Inc., where she has worked since 2008.

"My work is interesting because I am bringing medical expertise to anyone at Pfizer who needs it," she said. "I get to interface with colleagues from all around the company in

research, development, health outcomes and other areas. That makes life fun, because I never know who will be at the other end of my next phone call."

Among her professional goals are to increase minority participation in research studies and alleviate health disparities. She has focused much of her research on Alzheimer's disease.

"Alzheimer's disease is a huge public health concern, particularly as the population ages," Faison said. "Today, people are paying more attention to their cognitive health, but we still have a long way to go. For example, in many ethnic minority populations people believe Alzheimer's is a normal part of aging, which is a myth, but it still prevents them from seeking help or asking questions."

Faison, a native of Warsaw, N.C., refers to herself as "a second-generation Eagle." Her father, Walter Lee Faison Sr., is also an NCCU alumnus, graduating in 1956. Her mother, Sadie Easter Faison, was a 1958 graduate of Winston-Salem State University. Both parents were public school teachers in Duplin County.

"I'm very fortunate that I had strong parents who were determined that I attend an HBCU, although, truth be told, NCCU didn't make it on my initial college list," Faison said.

"The fact that Dr. Ruffin cared meant so much. That's the beauty of NCCU. It not only gave me an educational foundation, but provided mentorship."

DR. WARACHAL FAISON
PICTURED WITH DR. JOHN RUFFIN

in memoriam

Her dad insisted she pay a visit to the campus in Durham.

"He wanted me to see how beautiful it was and what kind of education I was going to get," Faison explained.

After expressing an interest in research, she was introduced to Dr. John Ruffin, who was chair of the biology department at the time.

"He took time to see me, even though I didn't have an appointment," she said of Ruffin, who recently retired as a director at the National Institutes for Health.

"The fact that he cared meant so much. That's the beauty of NCCU. It not only gave me an educational foundation, but provided mentorship."

Today, the young girl who grew up fishing with her mother near the North Carolina coast lives in bustling Jersey City, taking a ferry over the Hudson River daily to work at one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies. And she couldn't be happier.

"I think what I'm doing now is an extension of what I always wanted to do," she said. "I am playing a role in drug development, but I'm also playing a role in helping people improve access to care, treatment and health information." □



'42 **D. BEULAH ROWLAND HILL** (BA) of Durham, NC, February, 6, 2015

'42 **GERTRUDE C. BULLOCK** (MA) of Henderson, NC, February, 11, 2015

'53 **DELORES "DEE DEE" DYSON GILMORE** of Hyattsville, MD, February 25, 2015

'53 **THERESA SCOTT CRAWFORD** (BS) of Washington, DC, December 22, 2014

'54 **CONSTANCE ALLEN** (BA) of Chesapeake, VA, February, 2, 2015

'55 **WALTER H. GREEN, SR.** (BA) of Norfolk, Va, March 10, 2015

'61 **ROBERT "BIG MAC" MCADAMS** of Durham, NC, December, 24, 2014

'62 **ALTON THOMAS COGDELL** (BA) of Greenville, NC, February 21, 2015

'63 and '65 **JOHN H. HARMON** (BS, JD) of New Bern, NC, October 30, 2014

'67 **JUDGE GEORGE W. HARRIS** (JD) of Roanoke, VA, January, 26, 2015

'70 **GERALD SCOTT** (BS) of Winston Salem, NC, March 13, 2015

'75 **HILIARY H. HOLLOWAY JR.** of Wyndmoor, PA, December 21, 2014

'90 **KELRICK A. THOMPSON** (BBA) of Woodbridge, VA, November 10, 2014

'94 **LISA MOSS** (BS) of Charlotte, NC, November, 25, 2014

'98/'06 **LATOYA WOODY SMITH** (BA/MA) of Roxboro, NC, February 2, 2015

'02 **WILLIAM SHAWN VENTER** (BSW) of Jacksonville, NC, March 20, 2014.

'02 **JULIANA E. PARKER** (MAT) of Durham, NC, December, 27, 2014

1932

MRS. BEULAH KEARNEY WILLIAMS

Golden Eagle Mrs. Beulah Kearney Williams left behind a legacy of love for North Carolina Central University when she passed away on March 2, 2015, at age 104.

Williams was a native of Franklinton, N.C., and attended high school at Albion Academy, according to her daughter, Kay Rogers.

"She majored in commerce at North Carolina College and received her diploma in 1932," Rogers said. "After college, went to work at Lincoln Hospital."

Williams also worked as a bookkeeper at Department of Defense in Washington during World War II and, later, at the N.C. School for the Blind and Deaf, her daughter said.

She eventually came back to Durham to work for N.C. Mutual Life Insurance until her retirement. Williams sent money home so that some of her nine siblings could attend NCCU.

"It was unusual at the time to have a mother who was a working professional," Rogers recalled. "I didn't realize all of her accomplishments until after she died, and I started gathering information about her life."

Williams was married to the late Edgar W. Williams, a longtime teacher at Hillside High School.

The family encourages individuals who wish to honor the memory of Williams to consider making a donation to NCCU in her name.





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Isaiah '67 and Hellena Huntley Tidwell '68

Successful Alumni Share Fruits of Bountiful Life with NCCU

BY CYNTHIA FOBERT

IT WAS HOMECOMING WEEK of Isaiah's junior year at North Carolina College at Durham, and he and fraternity brother Eugene Dudley, both members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. were standing in line for breakfast. Eugene saw sophomore Hellena Huntley first and told Isaiah, "There's a girl who could get my heart." Isaiah turned quickly and responded, "She already has my heart!"

That morning when they met, Hellena was pledging to become a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. According to the rules for initiates, Hellena was embarking on six months of social probation, and dating a big brother would incur her big sisters' disfavor. But she soon "found a way around all that." A majorette in the marching band, Hellena remembers with a smile, "I soon left the marching band to join Isaiah's band."

This couple did not come from affluent families. Isaiah's father was a laborer and his mother was a domestic worker, and neither was college educated. Yet they valued education and encouraged Isaiah and his younger sister, Loretta, now a special needs teacher, to pursue higher education. It was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in his address to Isaiah's West Charlotte Senior High School commencement, who convinced the young man not only to attend college but also to live his life with greater purpose and conviction.

An accounting major in the Commerce Department, Isaiah supported his studies at NCC by working as a bookkeeper at the nearby studio of Stanback Photography. Hellena was a psychology student, and she worked for Dr. Cecil Patterson developing videos for English instruction.

The couple recalls that one semester, having just registered and paid for their books, they found they had only 10 cents left between them. They bought and split a double-stick Popsicle and, to this day, Popsicle sticks are on display in their home to remind them of their humble beginnings.

It was May 25, 1968, the day before Hellena's graduation, when the couple married on NCC's campus. Thus beginning a love affair and marriage that has thrived for 47 years and promises to continue for many more.

That rainy Saturday, the Rev. Lorenzo Lynch, father of U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch and pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Hellena's hometown of Greensboro, officiated at the wedding in Hellena's residence hall recreation room. The couple remains eternally grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Howard Fitts, Omega and Delta, and



Chancellor Debra Saunders-White
with Isaiah and Hellena Tidwell

the NCC professors who hosted their rehearsal party in their home.

"This was so symbolic of the bonding relationships that were formed and still exist for friends associated with NCC," Isaiah said.

Three years later the couple welcomed their first son, DeVane, early on Christmas morning in 1971.

Isaiah had graduated in 1967 with his B.S. in commerce when he went to work for the Celanese Fibers Company as a general accountant in Charlotte. Five years and two promotions later, he left a promising career at Celanese to begin his 32-year tenure at Wachovia Bank.

Isaiah intentionally pursued corporate banking, conscious of the fact that no African-Americans had previously held office in this role at Wachovia.

Hellena put her B.A. in psychology to work at Johnson C. Smith University as director of the College's Upward Bound and Special Services program aimed at helping at-risk public school students graduate from high school and enroll in college.

With Isaiah's transfer to Winston-Salem in 1976, Hellena took a break to care for their newborn son, Damion, before re-entering the workforce as assistant campaign director at the United Way of Forsyth

County. There, she acquired the fundraising skills she would later apply at Winston-Salem State University as director of corporate and foundation relations. At WSSU, Hellena helped Chancellor Douglas Covington land a \$1 million gift from R.J. Reynolds, the largest received by any HBCU at the time.

Isaiah continued his career climb and completed an MBA at the Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest University, finishing at the top of his executive class of 1980.

Hellena's work establishing the WSSU art museum refocused her career interests to finding support for the arts. In 1986, she left the university to become vice president and director of development for Winston-Salem's Arts Council. She later served as interim president and

was on track to be considered for the permanent position when, in 1990, Isaiah was promoted to head Wachovia's office in Charlotte as regional vice president and area executive for Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Soon after resettling in Charlotte, Hellena was named senior vice president for resource management at the Arts and Science Council for

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ISAIAH TIDWELL '67
WITH WIFE HELLENA '68

Charlotte/Mecklenburg. In 1994, Hellena was also elected to serve on the board of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

When Isaiah was promoted to executive vice president and president of the Georgia Banking Division in 1999, Hellena decided that with this relocation, she would focus on her volunteer service as a member of several civic boards. She was chair of the Board of the Penland School of the Arts when the couple established the Huntley Tidwell Endowed Scholarship for minority students there. She continues to serve on several arts and social boards, most notably the board of the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C., and The Links Inc.

When he retired in 2005, Isaiah had moved upward through 14 positions at the bank to become Georgia executive vice president for wealth management. Isaiah continues to serve on the boards of Snyders-Lance and Lincoln National corporations.

Isaiah's has received numerous honors, including from NCCU, the NAACP, and Omega Psi Phi. When NCCU Chancellor Julius Chambers was in office, Isaiah steered a corporate donation of \$500,000 from Wachovia to NCCU to establish an endowed chair in 1999. Also that year, he determined that he would personally endow a scholarship to honor his late parents.

"It seemed fitting to honor my parents with a gift to future generations," Isaiah said.

The couple completed their \$100,000 gift creating the William and Anna Davis Tidwell Endowed Scholarship with a check presentation to Chancellor Debra Saunders-White at the Key City Tour reception in Atlanta, last fall.

"We are grateful beneficiaries of unmerited favor, and we honor NCCU for endowing us with gifts of capability, courage and purpose," said Isaiah. "Now is our time to provide a reasonable return on that investment."

With a gift of \$25,000, Ernestine D. Lyon '57 established an endowed scholarship in her name at her alma mater, NCCU. Ernestine is seeking to help those who share her passion for information as they embark on careers she hopes will be as rewarding as her own. The scholarship will be held for Durham residents who major in mass communication, education or library and information sciences, and who demonstrate financial need.

For Ernestine, working in the Serials Cataloging Section of the Library of Congress might have been the best job on Earth. The bustling place would typically serve members of Congress, civil servants, students and researchers.

Ernestine's Bachelor of Arts in French and minor in Spanish at NCCU served her very well at the Library. International volumes arrived every day from almost every nation and foreign visitors from the nearby embassies were among the usual patrons.

Lyon's more than 30 years at the Library of Congress happened to coincide with the tumultuous change in information management over this period.

Ernestine Lyon '57 Establishes an Endowed Scholarship



"When I began, I was typing cards and filing them in catalog drawers," she said. "Now, it takes less than a minute on the computer." Those physical cards and wooden file cabinets are gone and forgotten as today's Library user has instant online access to the entire collection.

Retired since 2011, Ernestine has been able to devote more time to her other passions — travel and volunteer work. She has fond memories of serving as an interpreter on some of her trips to Europe. Still curious about the world, Ernestine has plans to visit Dubai in October!

Ernestine has been a committed community servant. She was president of the Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association Board of Directors from 2009 to 2013. This is an organization dedicated to assisting homeless women and women in transition. She is a Diamond Life Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Washington, D.C. Alumnae, and a longtime member of the Metro D.C. Chapter of the NCCU Association and president from 2007–2009.

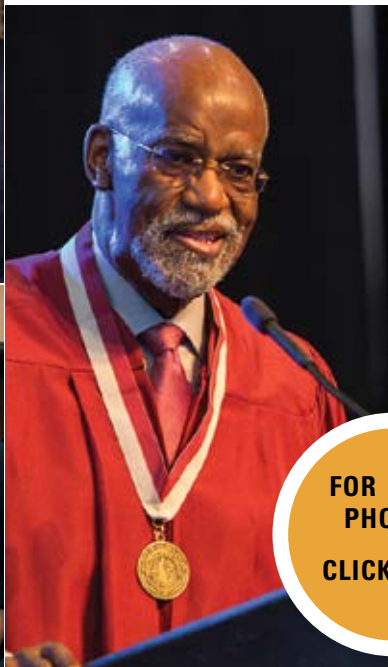
About giving back to NCCU, Ernestine said, "Everyone should try to step up and do more." □

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EAGLES PAY A VISIT TO THE NEST

Alumni flocked to campus for the Ultimate Homecoming Experience Nov. 7–9 to enjoy a jam-packed weekend of celebrations. On Founder's Day, a wreath-laying ceremony took place in Shepard Circle, and members of the Class of 1964 were honored. More than 100 graduates came together to commemorate their 50th reunion and join the Society of Golden Eagles. Saturday brought musical entertainment from R&B legend Angela Winbush and the Trademark Band performing at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel before an appreciative crowd.



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CLASS YEAR	CLASS GIFT
Society of Golden Eagles	
1944-1959	\$ 31,529
1964	\$105,643
1969	\$164,391
1974	\$134,382
1979	\$ 35,220
1984	\$ 92,797
1989	\$ 14,408
1994	\$ 20,573
1999	\$ 4,792
2004	\$ 2,765
2009	\$ 2,599
TOTAL	\$609,099





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EAGLE PRIDE SOARS

For students, Homecoming began on Saturday, Nov. 1, with a kickoff celebration in O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium followed by a week of events, including the crowning of Miss and Mr. NCCU, Choir Ball, Motivational Task Force presentations, Pan-Hellenic Step Show and a Rip the Runway fashion exhibit and hip hop concert. Grammy Award-winning gospel artists Tye Tribbett and Kierra Sheard provided entertainment on campus Thursday. Spirits were high and the skies were blue for Homecoming Parade '15. On Nov. 8, the NCCU Eagles took on Hampton University's Pirates, powering through to win the game 43-13 before a sellout crowd.



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Eagle athletes soared to great heights in 2014-15, as football, basketball and tennis teams all fought their way up the Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference (MEAC) ladder.

Under the direction of first-year head coach Jerry Mack, NCCU's football team won its final three games of the season to earn a share of the MEAC football championship.

The Eagles clinched a piece of the title, their first since transitioning to Division I athletics in 2011-12, by beating rival North Carolina A&T State University 21-14 in the season finale in front of more than 13,000 fans inside O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium. NC A&T was ranked No. 24 in the nation at the time, providing the Eagles with their first win against a nationally-ranked Division I-FCS opponent.

The NCCU football team ended its season with an overall record of 7-5 and a MEAC co-championship record of 6-2.

Another milestone was met on the basketball court, as the 2014-15 Eagles became the first men's basketball team in school history to post an unbeaten regular-season conference record at 16-0. The Eagles winning streak of 35 games, the nation's longest, came to an end in the MEAC Tournament semifinals. However, NCCU still owns the best regular-season overall conference record for the last three seasons at 46-2, a winning percentage of .958.

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The team also qualified the Eagles for the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). Playing the BankUnited Center in Coral Gables, Fla., the No. 7-seed Eagles played the No. 2-seed University of Miami inside during NCCU's first trip to the NIT. A furious second-half comeback fell short, and Miami, the eventual tournament runner-up, held on for a 75-71 win.

Rounding out the year of Eagle Excellence was NCCU's Men's Tennis, which captured the HBCU title during the annual HBCU National Tennis Championships in September 2014 in Jonesboro, Ga.

NCCU won the HBCU national title over teams from Alcorn State, Benedict College, Bethune-Cookman, Bluefield State, Florida A&M, Howard, Prairie View, Shaw, Tuskegee, and Xavier.

In addition, rookie Kert Kilumets earned the Singles Flight A title.

1954

Goodbye to NCCU Hall of Fame Member Charles "Tex" Harrison

The Eagle family lost a legend on Nov. 20, 2014, with the passing of Charles "Tex" Harrison at age 81.

Harrison was a key member of the NCCU men's basketball team from 1950 to 1954, playing under coaches John McLendon and Floyd Brown. Harrison scored 1,304 points for the NCCU Eagles and was inducted into the NCCU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1984.



He became the first African-American member of the College All-American team in 1954, which played the Globetrotters. The world-famous Globetrotters soon added Harrison to the roster, where he stayed on to play and coach for six decades.

During his years as a Globetrotter, Harrison enjoyed tea with Queen Elizabeth and entertained three Popes. He was also a cast member in the "Harlem Globetrotters Popcorn Machine," a television variety show airing in 1972.

"His wisdom, down-to-earth demeanor and sharp wit will certainly be missed," said Globetrotters CEO Kurt Schneider.

Harrison was raised in Houston and received his nickname, "Tex," while attending NCCU.



2015 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

9.5	ST. AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY	6 P.M.
9.12	AT DUKE UNIVERSITY	6 P.M.
9.19	AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	TBA
10.3	BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY	4 P.M.
10.10	AT FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY	5 P.M.

10.17	AT SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY	2 P.M.
10.24	MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	2 P.M.
10.31	NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY*	2 P.M.
11.7	DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY	2 P.M.
11.14	AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY	1 P.M.
11.21	AT NC A&T STATE UNIVERSITY	1 P.M.

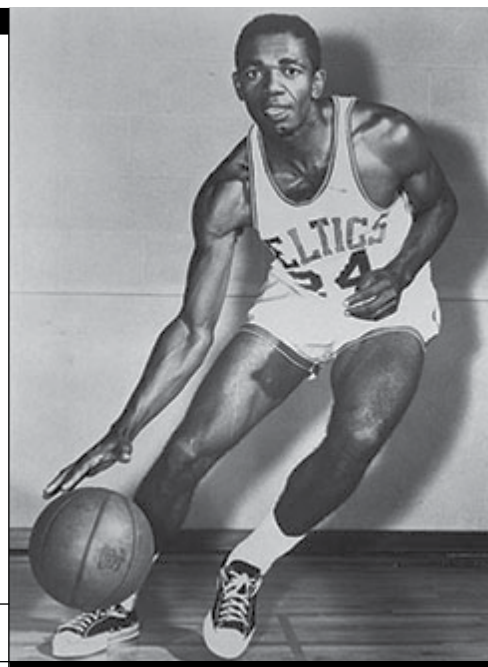
NCCU ALUM AND CELTICS LEGEND SAM JONES HONORED

North Carolina Central University officially retired the jersey number of alumnus and Boston Celtics legend Sam Jones.

The ceremony took place inside McDougald-McLendon Gymnasium at halftime in the March 5, 2015, game against N.C. A&T State University. Gov. Pat McCrory also presented Jones with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine award, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a citizen of North Carolina by the governor.

One of the greatest NBA players of all-time, Jones played at NCCU from 1951-54 and 1956-57, and remains the school's second-leading career scorer with 1,745 points in four seasons under head coaches John McLendon and Floyd Brown.

Born in Wilmington, N.C. and a high school graduate of Laurinburg (N.C.) Institute, Jones was chosen by the Boston Celtics as the eighth overall pick in the first round of the 1957 NBA Draft.



His 12-year career with the Celtics included 10 NBA Championships, five All-Star Game appearances and three se-

lections to the All-NBA Second Team. Nicknamed "Mr. Clutch," Jones amassed 15,411 points, an average of 17.7 points per game, 4,305 rebounds and 2,209 assists in 871 contests.

Jones was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and the NCCU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1984, as well as the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1969. He was selected to the NBA 25th Anniversary All-Time Team in 1970, and was later named among the top 50 players in NBA history as a member of the 50th Anniversary All-Time Team in 1996. □

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**SAM JONES
WITH WIFE
GLADYS AFTER
BANNER
UNVEILING.**

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FROM THE NCCU *Archives* CIRCA 1960s

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, left, was a towering figure in the North Carolina Central University History Department from 1943-1947, during which time he taught and completed his definitive book on African-American history titled “From Slavery to Freedom.”

The centennial of Franklin's birth was celebrated in January 2, 2015.

He passed away on March 25, 2009. Here, he chats with a former colleague, **PROFESSOR CAULBERT JONES**, whose tenure at NCCU stretched from 1947 to 1976.

Photo courtesy of the North Carolina Mutual Collection, held by NCCU and Duke University.



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